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## Cabbies in row over delays to car checks

DISGRUNTLED taxi drivers will meet council bosses to discuss concerns amid a row over vehicle tests.

Cabbies have complained about delays when vehicles are taken in for tests at Dudley Council's garage.

They claim the Lister Road depot does not have the capacity to handle the roadworthiness checks for the borough's hundreds of licensed vehicles.

Drivers say their cars can be off the road for days while they wait to be tested causing them to lose money.

Council transport boss Khurshid Ahmed said he would listen to them.

Shaz Saleem, chairman of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association, said: "I've heard of four drivers - one from Brierley Hill, two from Stourbridge and one from Halesowen - who have been off the road for three or four days waiting for re-tests because Lister Road couldn't fit them in."

Nasir Hussain, manager of Stourbridge-based Falcon Taxis, said two small faults failed one driver's car on a Wednesday at 7.30am.

"He got it fixed by 12pm that day but Lister Road depot could not fit in a re-test until Monday afternoon, so the driver is losing five days of fares" he said.

Councillor Ahmed said: "We are aware of the concerns raised by the taxi drivers and will be discussing the issues with them as soon as possible."

## Snow leopard cub dies at zoo

THE newly-born snow leopard cub at Dudley Zoo has died at just 11 weeks old.

Nidara, was the offspring of mother, four-year-old Nanga, and father, three-year-old Margaash. It was the first leopard to be born at the attraction in 12 years.

Zoo spokesman Jill Hitchman said: "The 11-week-old cub died in the presence of zoo staff and the zoo vet. "There had been no previous indication there was anything wrong with the youngster and we are currently awaiting the vet's report."

## More power sought to help with hospital recovery

AN ELECTED board governor at the under-fire Russells Hall Hospital has called for more power as the hospital bids to bounce back from a critical Government report.

Dudley councillor and hospital governor Steve Waltho admits he is 'deeply concerned' by some of the failings uncovered in the report, but says he is backing chief executive Paula Clark to lead the hospital trust forward.

NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh raised concerns over staffing levels, communication, complaints handling and safety checking at the hospital - but spared it being placed in special measures, unlike

11 other hospitals. Councillor Waltho said: "We were very concerned the hospital was one of the 14 to be investigated for death mortality rates - but then pleased it has not been placed in special measures."

"However, there are areas of concern which need improving and we, the board of governors, will be playing a part scrutinising the work of the board of directors to ensure the improvements are made."

He added: "We have the power to hold the board to account, but this is limited - I personally, would like to see more power for the governors. But it is a balancing act as too much power results in responsibility and

the end of the day we are only volunteers, not medical experts."

Miss Clark was forced to defend herself in the face of calls by former elected board governors Bill Etheridge and Major Robbins for her to step down following the report.

### Opinion

Mr Etheridge, who resigned from the board earlier this year in a protest on parking charges, said: "When it's not working, let's be honest with each other, it's time to change things."

But Miss Clark, who welcomed the report, said: "No, I'm not stepping down. Bill is

entitled to his opinion but I'm very heartened by the fact that the regulator Monitor say they are happy with the leadership of the hospital, confident that this is the right leadership to take the hospital forward. I'm here to carry on the improvement journey we have already started and I believe we have the right people here to do the job for the people of Dudley."

Ms Clark said the management system would be looked at. She said: "We will take our time to look at the review report in full and we will discuss that with the governors."

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## Praise as plans for 150 homes approved

A SCHEME to build 150 homes on a business park in Stourbridge has been approved after planners praised the development as a boost for the area.

Plans for the Sunrise Business Park, Wollaston, were unanimously backed by Dudley Council's development control committee.

Under the scheme, 129 three and four bedroom two-storey houses will be built along with 21 two-bedroom apartments in one three-storey block.

And members of the committee were told a previous objection submitted by nearby Vee Bee Ltd had been rescinded.

The site is split by the River Severn with housing now to be built on the eastern and western side.

The two halves will be connected by a new bridge across the river.

As part of the development, the river will be de-culverted and alterations made to the alignment to avoid the risk of flooding.

Access to the site will be via Wollaston High Street at the same two entrances to the former industrial site.

Outline permission was granted last January.

Committee member councillor Tim Wright said: "This is a very good scheme."

Committee chairman councillor Qadar Zada said it was an 'excellent development' and would create a picturesque site.

# TESCO TARGETS LOCAL JOBLESS

## Our little princess just pips royal baby

WHILE the eyes of the world were fixed on St Mary's Hospital in Paddington waiting for news of the royal baby, one Coseley couple were busy having their own little 'princess' at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

Sarah Parton pipped the Duchess of Cambridge to the post and gave birth to a baby girl named Jorgie-May on Monday at 4.09pm - just 15 minutes before Kate.

At 6lb 5oz Jorgie-May is lighter than the royal boy and at three hours, Miss Parton's labour was a good deal shorter than Kate's.

The 24-year old said: "I was induced at 1pm and had Jorgie-May three hours later. The next thing I knew, the nurses said the royal baby was born 15 minutes after mine. It's crazy."

### Memento

"The royal baby will be on the news all the time so I'll get to see them grow up together. I take a bit of an interest in the royals but I will do ever more now that my daughter's got the same birthday."

Miss Parton plans to apply for a special silver coin, which will be offered to mothers whose babies share the royal birthday.

"It would be a lovely memento for her to grow up with," she said.

Miss Parton's partner Christian Nash, 22, had joked their baby could be born on the same day. Mr Nash said: "We said it would be mad if they were born at the same time but we didn't think it would only be 15 minutes apart."



Celebrating are Sarah Parton and Christian Nash with Jorgie-May Nash who was born just minutes before the royal baby

## AROUND 500 out-of-work residents across Dudley borough have been invited to apply for jobs during the first recruitment drive for a new multi-million pound Tesco supermarket.

Bosses at the retail giant are initially offering up to 80 jobs at the new supermarket being built as part of the £50million redevelopment of Stourbridge's Crown Centre.

This first recruitment drive was specially earmarked for residents across Dudley who have been unemployed for six months or more. The candidates were invited to the two-day jobs fair through registering with JobCentre Plus.

A total of around 350 jobs will be available at the superstore which is due to open by the end of the year.

Tesco's recruitment process started this week at Stourbridge Town Hall.

### Closely

The events could only be attended by the 500 borough residents who had been personally invited as they indicated to JobCentre Plus and the council's adult learning team that they would like to find work in retail.

Dudley Council, which has worked closely with the supermarket throughout the major regeneration and is now set to host informa-

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tion days for the jobseekers.

Regeneration boss, Councillor Judy Foster, said the recruitment drives comes as building work on the Crown Centre gathers pace.

"The major redevelopment of Stourbridge is now at an advanced stage and it is a very exciting time for the town," she said.

"A combination of part-time and full-time jobs will be available and we're committed to ensuring local people benefit."

Tesco's corporate affairs manager, Simon Petar, added: "We are delighted that our partnership with Dudley Council and the local JobCentre Plus is going from strength to strength."

Following the phase one of the recruitment, Tesco will open the process to everyone through an online campaign from early September.

## Blaze hits flat kitchen

FIREFIGHTERS were called after a blaze broke out in the kitchen of a flat in the Black Country.

Crews were called to the second floor flat in Bodmin Court, Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill at 7.30pm on Monday.

The fire was contained to the kitchen and is believed to have been sparked accidentally.

Crews from Brierley Hill, Cradley Heath and Tipton attended and spent around 90 minutes at the scene.



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# School rewarded for branching out

A Halesowen school has clinched a top award after branching out into forestry.

Lutley Primary has won silver in the 2013 education category in the Royal Forestry Society's Excellence in Forestry awards after beating schools in an area ranging from Worcestershire to Cumbria.

The award of £500, a trophy and an oak tree was presented to pupils

and staff by vice president elect of the society, Sophie Churchill.

Lutley forest school leader Liz Cole said: "Our sessions are great fun whilst giving children the important opportunity to regularly visit and connect with the natural environment, learning and growing together."

"We always ensure children are involved in all our grounds projects,

which has included the planting of around 250 trees, both at the school site and our local park.

"This participation helps us all really appreciate the impact we can have on our environment."

## Positive

Judges, Royal Forestry Society education officer Debbie Cotton and Forestry Commission England's

Richard Pain, praised the school, saying: "Lutley are making great use of every corner of their small site to provide positive hands on outdoor learning experiences."

"We were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and confidence of the children. They just got stuck in."

"They had real ownership of their site, were confident and happy and clearly very at home outdoors."

# Childhood memories fuel model collection

**COLLECTING rare cars has been a labour of love for Martyn Brown.**

The 67-year-old had been collecting the mini models on and off since he was a child but it was not until he sold his last one about 10 years ago that he was inspired to start collecting in earnest again.

Mr Brown, of Hagley, said: "In the mid-1950s when I was a child they were the first gifts I had as a Christmas present and I've always remembered them. Just before I retired I only had one left and I sold it. But I lived to regret it."

So for the past decade, with renewed interest, Mr Brown has collected dozens of the mini tinplate speed and racing cars – the smallest being just under four inches and the largest about 18 inches.

When Mr Brown was growing up, collectors would have to rely on someone selling one of the cars to a local shop or at auction but now, with ready access to the internet, he has discovered most of the cars he loves are available – albeit at a price.

## Clockwork

And when Mr Brown was a child, the cars were still well out of the financial reach of many families.

While his rare chrome variation model by German firm Guntherman was 16 shillings and sixpence in the 1930s, a man's wage at the time would have been under £3 a week, he said.

He added: "Only the most well off children would have them and when I was a child it would have taken me weeks to save up enough for a decent car."

"Most of the toys were clockwork, produced in bright colours and any child of the period would have loved to have owned them."

There is even a Black Country link to the production of the racing cars, with Sunbeam of Wolverhampton making a land speed car known as The Slug which became the first car to travel faster than 200mph and set a new land speed record.

It wasn't long before this 1927 history-making event was recreated in toy form.

Mr Brown, who owned Martyn Brown Antiques in Birmingham and



Martyn Brown with some of his collection of tinplate cars



A 1930s Silver Bullet from Germany



Models of Bluebirds driven by Sir Malcolm Campbell during his land speed record runs in the 1920s

Halesowen for about 40 years before retiring, focuses on cars from 1920 until 1950 and he spends a lot of time scouring the internet for any that he might like to collect and has now amassed over 100.

He said: "You get a bit obsessive. I just keep buying them. "With the internet I can buy them from all over

the world and because of that in the last 10 years they're more available but more expensive."

The cheaper versions can go for £70 or £80 but the more pricey models can fetch many hundreds of pounds. "You'll probably wonder why old folks like me are so interested in them, but it's about the

memories, I guess, and things that aren't going to come again," he said.

"They are being made but not with the same quality."

His current search is for a 1950s boxed Scalex racing car and the large Clj P2 Alfa racing car and can be contacted on 07976 252 703 by anyone who might have any to sell.

## Pupils join together for clothes aid

THE Mayor of Dudley met students from two schools working together to help children and families in the West African country of

Gambia. Councillor Alan Finch saw pupils from Ridgewood High, Stourbridge, and Peter's Hill Primary, Brierley Hill, during a handover of old uniforms from the primary school.

Peter's Hill pupils are updating their uniform and their uniform supplier, Uniformity, suggested they collect old uniforms to donate to Ridgewood's Project Gambia.

James Ndomahina and Donald Greywoode, from Gambia's Newlife Children's Centre, which runs two schools, were at Peter's Hill to receive the clothes.

Councillor Finch said: "It was great to meet the pupils taking part and also James and Donald from Newlife."

"The schools from our borough are having a great impact in schools from a very poor area of Gambia."

## Parliament has a jolly good beer

AN ale brewed in the Black Country is being served in Parliament's Strangers' Bar.

Crispin's Ommor, produced by the Fownes Brewing Company, Upper Gornal, has been drafted in as a guest ale at the request of the Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

To celebrate the achievement he shared a pint with brewer James Fownes.

Mr Austin said: "The Black Country is home to the country's best ales and Fownes' beers were no exception when I tried them earlier this year."

"James and Tom Fownes have done a great job setting up the brewery."

"I want to help support local businesses like theirs so I'm delighted that MPs from across the country will now have the chance to sample our award-winning local brews."

Fownes Brewery is based at the Jolly Crispin pub, Clarence Street.

## Gardening show

SEDGLEY Gardening Club will hold its flower show at Sedgley Community Centre Ladies Walk, on August 17 from 12.30pm. There are flower, vegetable classes, jam, cake and honey classes. There will be a brass band and cream teas.

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## Gun-claim robber sent to prison

A MAN who walked into a kebab shop and told staff he had a gun as he demanded cash has been jailed.

Paul Summers, aged 40, of Woodcroft Close, Cradley Heath, tried to get the money from workers at Charlie's Kebab House, Bromsgrove on April 14.

After admitting to attempted robbery when he appeared at Worcester Crown Court, Summers was jailed for 20 months.

Jamie Gillard, 32, of Swan Street, Dudley, denied attempted robbery, but admitted aggravated vehicle-taking, drink-driving and driving without insurance.

The court accepted his plea and he was jailed for 14 months and banned from driving for two years.

No firearm was found when police arrested the pair.

## Dog put on show in aid of charity

AROUND 60 dogs and hundreds of animal lovers turned out at Baggeridge Country Park to help raise funds for a good cause.

The annual dog show returned on Saturday with a host of competitions celebrating man's best friend – all in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Attendance was slightly down on last year, so organisers are planning a second show at the same venue on September 28.

Organiser Alan Hunt, of Caddick Street, Coseley, said: "It was a fun dog show with around 12 categories, including Most Handsome Dog, Best Puppy, Best Rescue, and things like that."

"We also had a breedings competition and an agility competition. It's a smashing day out, with lots of rosettes being given out."

## Staff moving to make savings

AROUND 40 Dudley Council staff were moving to new offices this week – the first of 400 workers being relocated to cut costs.

The private sector housing team will be the first to move to Harbour Buildings, at Brierley Hill's Waterfront complex. They are leaving their long-term base in St James's Road, Dudley.

Council chiefs said moving staff from six sites moving to the complex, will save £150,000 per year.

# Brave father loses 15-year leukaemia fight



Mark Rutter – died aged 39

A BRAVE father who had battled against leukaemia for 15 years – beating it twice – has died just 10 days after celebrating his 40th birthday.

Sporty Mark Rutter, who played football and cricket and enjoyed taking his two young sons to Aston Villa matches, was described by his grieving father, Graham, as 'my best friend'.

Mark, from Kingswinford, discovered he had leukaemia only when he broke his ribs while playing football for Enville Athletic and a blood test showed he had the illness in 1998.

He responded to treatment and, after making a full recovery, married his wife Kate, described as

'the love of his life', in 1999. But, three years later, leukaemia struck again – and once more he recovered after a course of intense chemotherapy.

The treatment left him with heart problems but he kept living life to the full, taking his sons Harvey, aged 12, and eight-year-old Niall to Aston Villa matches.

He played cricket for Clent, near Stourbridge, and coached Harvey at Swindon Cricket Club, helping the youngster to become good enough to play for Worcestershire's Under 12 team.

Mark, of Broad Street, Kingswinford, also raised money for the Georgina Cancer Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, where he was

treated, and was chairman of the Kingswinford Lions Villa supporters' group.

But the family was dealt a crushing blow when he was told in March that his leukaemia had returned for the third time.

Once more he put up a fight – but he died on July 9 in Russells Hall Hospital.

Graham Rutter, aged 60, of Cherry Grove, Norton, Stourbridge, said: "He was not just my son – he was my best friend."

His funeral was on Monday at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Stourbridge. He requested that all Villa fans wear their club ties or any sports club tie.

# Borough GP services need more investment – doctor

INCREASED workloads combined with fewer GPs in Dudley borough could eventually push them to the limit and threaten patient care, a senior doctor has warned.

Dr Jas Rathore is calling for more investment in GP services across the borough. The doctor, who has run a practice in Dudley for 20 years, fears the expected retirement of a fifth of GPs in the borough in the next 10 years, along with an increased workload as health bosses attempt to shift patients from hospitals to surgeries, could cause problems in the future.

Dr Rathore, who is also clinical executive for the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), has called on NHS England to plough more investment into recruiting new GPs and updating ageing practices.

"There is no danger or risk to the patient at this present moment, my concern is in the coming years if there is no change and we have a downward trend on the numbers of doctors and not the investment," he said.

"I fear it could head us to a stage where the working levels of GPs are unsafe, where they are seeing too many patients in the day and they are functioning with stress, which would impact their work."

In a report to Dudley Council's health scrutiny committee meeting, Dr Rathore said there were 40 GPs in the Dudley borough, with almost 200 doctors.

However, 27 per cent of those are aged above 54 and 10 per cent above 64.

Dr Rathore believes 20 per

by Alex Ross

cent of the doctors will retire within the next 10 years.

He is already feeling an increase in patient demand at his surgery, which currently has four doctors, from just five years ago.

"Doctors work an average two-and-a-half hours surgery in the morning, followed by three home visits and three hours surgery in the afternoon," he said. "I'm concerned doctors will be asked to squeeze more hours in the day than possible."

As part of the report, Dr Rathore is calling for greater funding from NHS England.

He is also proposing functions, such as payroll, be linked between smaller practices to help them cope.

CCG spokeswoman Laura Broster said its member GPs were a priority.

"The CCG does not commission primary care services but the focus of the strategy is on developing local primary care and supporting practices to provide high quality services for patients," she said.

## Patrol plea on vandalised gravestone



Deb Brownlee, front, with Diana Costello, Jane Langdon, Martin Day, Joyce O'Donnell and Tony Timmins at the headstone

A FAMILY gravestone that has stood tall in a Dudley churchyard for nearly 130 years has been vandalised, angering parishioners.

The preservation group at the disused St John's Church, Kates Hill, is now appealing for volunteers to patrol the graveyard in pairs.

"We are absolutely furious and horrified," said Deb Brownlee, chairman of St John's Church Preservation Group.

"To think that this substantial

stone, marking the grave of three members of the same family, has stood there for 129 years, and now someone has just knocked it over and smashed it up, it's very sad."

The stone, near the lychgate, bore the names of Sarah Cautherington, who died on July 10, 1884, in her 67th year, her husband James, who followed her to the grave, aged 77, 12 years later, and their daughter Mary Ann Cautherington, who was 59 when she passed away in 1899. Church officials are

appealing for descendants of the Cautheringtons to contact them.

The desecration was discovered by Tony Timmins, a 65-year-old committee member of the group, as he walked his dog. "I was very distressed by it," he said.

Mrs Brownlee said: "I would like anyone willing to help, or with any information about the attack or about the Cautherington family, to contact us on 07871 195042 or email savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk."

## NEWS

in brief

### Driver passes out at wheel of his bus

A DRIVER passed out at the wheel of a packed double decker bus which mounted the pavement in Stourbridge. Passengers went to his aid on the 246 bus, journeying from Dudley through Ambleside on Thursday at 5pm.

They said the driver slumped at the wheel as he drove down the A491 near the Platt Crescent and Brettell Lane crossroads. The bus mounted the kerb but this jolted the driver who braked and avoided hitting any collision.

Paramedics checked the driver, who did not require hospital treatment. National Express West Midlands spokesman Jack Kelly said: "We are investigating the cause."

### Castle will fall to re-enactors

MEMBERS of Historia Normannis, a 12th century re-enactment group, will be taking over Dudley Castle, at the heart of Dudley Zoo, this weekend.

The re-enactors will be showcasing their skills with knights, archery displays, woodwork, music and an authentic fashion show in a history lesson with a difference.

A group spokesman said it aimed to portray 12th century life in an accurate, engaging and exciting way. Events run from 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

### Worker suffers electric shock

A WORKER was taken to hospital after suffering an electric shock at a manufacturing company in Halesowen.

He had been testing newly-made welding products at Kuka Systems, Hereward Rise, at 7am on Saturday. He was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Sales director Nick Edge said the man had made a full recovery and was back in work.

### Blaze breaks out in hotel bathroom

A HOTEL was evacuated after a faulty extractor fan caught fire in an en-suite bathroom. Fire crews were called to the Kingsfisher Hotel, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath, at around 9.45am on Tuesday.

Only two guests were at the hotel. They gathered outside the building along with members of staff as a precaution while the blaze was extinguished.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



MY RECENT thread on odd married names (Hope Pope, Eva Weaver, etc) reminds a reader that some men are born with curious names. He says he can never hear the BBC reporter Phil McCann without thinking: "What - from here?"

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AS ZARA Phillips decides to give up riding during her pregnancy, Woman's Hour (Radio 4) puts together a report to advise women that while some exercise is perfectly fine in pregnancy, kickboxing is not.

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QUESTION: What do you call an old lady who says: "Don't be so damn silly, girl, of course you shouldn't be riding." Answer: Your Majesty.

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A FRIEND is building a tiny extension and the local council invites all his neighbours to read the 17 documents involved in the planning application, and comment. I was particularly impressed with the bat inspector's report. It takes just over 2,500 words to tell us 'no bats here'.

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THE feeble 15-month sentence imposed on Stuart Hall is to be reviewed, and a good thing too. But let's hope the authorities are not focusing solely on the former BBC presenter. One allegation against him makes you flesh creep. It was a victim describing how when she was 13 she was at the house of a schoolmate whose father was friendly with Hall. The girls drank too much vermouth and she was sick. She recalled: "My friend's mother came up and took me to the bathroom, undressed me. Then Stuart Hall came in. She left me and told him to bath me." Hall then committed a 'frenzied' assault against her. As the Jimmy Savile scandal grew, we learned how many TV executives, NHS bosses and prison officials were complicit in the disc jockey's unspeakable activities. Somehow, the thought of a mother aiding and abetting a paedophile by eagerly ushering Stuart Hall into a girl's bathroom takes it all to a lower and infinitely nastier level. There must surely be more prosecutions.

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THE best CV is only as good as its weakest part. An employer tells me he was greatly impressed with one application for a café assistant until he read the bit about how the applicant had worked 'a variety of shifts including weekends' and unfortunately left out the F.

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THE hosepipe bans cannot be far away. Will that be the spur this Government needs to make it drop the ludicrous HS2 train project (£42,000 million and rising every second) and build a UK water grid? Most rail and tram projects provide billion-pound contracts for foreign manufacturers. Creating a 21st century network of canals, aqueducts, irrigation trenches and fountains would ensure there is water for all while creating British jobs for British workers.

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POLICE in Wales have issued a warning about 'rogue' ecstasy tablets. Not to be confused with good, old-fashioned, traditional, wholesome, health-giving ecstasy, just like granny used to take.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Footballers score for Stan's cancer charity

TALENTED footballers were celebrating after they raised more than £1,000 for a cancer charity Cure Leukaemia during a tournament.

A total of 33 teams played in the Support Stan five-a-side competition, which was hosted by Goals Dudley at its centre off Cakemore Road. Ex-professionals took part alongside friends of former Aston Villa captain Stilian Petrov - nicknamed Stan - who was diagnosed with acute leukemia last year.

Assistant centre manager Dave

Challoner said: "It's a fantastic amount of money to raise and we are just happy that we could help. It was a testament to Stan's character that such big names took the time to show their support."

Free Radio DJ Russ Morris provided free coaching and games for children. Boing FC, the official supporters' side for West Bromwich Albion, beat Hod Harriers 4-1 in the final.

To donate, visit [www.cureleukemia.co.uk/events.php?story=76](http://www.cureleukemia.co.uk/events.php?story=76)

## Pupils get life-saving lessons on epilepsy

PUPILS from a Dudley school have received a life-saving lesson about epilepsy from a national charity.

Dudley Wood Primary, Dudley Wood Road, Netherton, received expert training from Young Epilepsy as part of the Epilepsy Education 4 Schools program, which is designed to improve the lives of the 112,000 young sufferers.

The sessions included assemblies and lessons in which pupils took part in activities to match their age group such as songs, stories and dis-

cussion on people's feelings, with staff also receiving training.

Assistant headteacher Anthea Collinge said: "Our hope was that the day would give the children an understanding of what epilepsy is and how to help when someone has a seizure."

"The day has exceeded our expectations, as Young Epilepsy presented assemblies, lessons and staff meetings that were informative, inspiring, creative and fun. The children really enjoyed it, too."

## MP will champion sports to fight fat

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has signed up to a sports campaign aimed at tackling rising obesity rates.

She will help to champion the interests of local sport in Parliament and promote sport schemes in the area.

Ms James will also work with Black Country BeActive, which provides opportunities for people to take part in sport and physical activity.

It is one of 49 County Sports Partnerships in the country working to increase participation in sport.

She said that according to NHS figures 51,317 people are currently classed as obese in Dudley.

"At current rates this figure could increase to 24.9 per cent of the adult population in Dudley by 2016," she said.

"To tackle this, County Sports Partnerships is bringing together the governing bodies of sport, community clubs, schools, leisure facilities, local authorities and health commissioners with the aim of increasing participation in sport and activity."

"I am delighted to become a Parliamentary Sport Champion and offer my support to this important campaign. Obesity is a growing problem both nationally and locally."

## Road closed during arrest

PART of a main road in Lye was closed after reports of a man acting suspiciously on a petrol station forecourt.

Pedmore Road at the BP petrol station, closed for an hour from 5.30pm last Thursday. A man was arrested and the petrol station was evacuated.

Eyewitness Foz Miah, from the Balti Bazaar restaurant, said: "A guy on the forecourt was holding the petrol pump and said he was going to blow it up." Police said there was 'some concern' the man had a technique.

## Summer break

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship will return from its summer break for an opening service for the new season on September 10. The event, at 8pm at St Saviour's Church, Hagley, will be followed by the announcement of a new programme of activities.

# Council staff warned over £5.5m cards bill

THE leader of Dudley Council written to employees about purchases on credit cards after an investigation found they spent £5.5 million within 12 months on plastic.

Among the things bought by council staff were flights to attend award shows in Edinburgh and fast food from KFC.

Councillor David Sparks said he was surprised by the figures and demanded the circumstances were double checked. But he reiterated the use of the cards were made during the course of the 'normal business of the council'.

The council paid more than £417 flying three of its staff to Edinburgh for an awards ceremony.

The return flights to the Edge Innovation Awards were considered the most economic way because at the time the return train fares were around £200 per person.

It has also funded 147 transactions at KFC or McDonald's, which council bosses say may have been for children.

Councillor Sparks said the food bought for children would be reconsidered after the authority launched a five-year plan to tackle obesity in the borough.

Figures show 21 per cent of people are obese in Dudley. The authority was the biggest spender out of

by Andrew Turton

the region's councils, with £5.5m from 2011 to 2012 paid on 862 corporate purchase cards distributed throughout its workforce.

Staff made 50,407 transactions in 12 months, including meals in top restaurants and nights in hotels around the country.

Councillor Sparks said: "I have written to all members of the council. I want to point out that we do not have corporate credit cards."

"There are some references in there to expenditure that does not look right as far as I'm concerned and I've asked for that to be double checked. The cards are used for the normal business of the council."

He said he will also query why £321.15 was paid at the upmarket Tree Hotel in High Wycombe, as he says he 'stays in a Travelodge' when on business.

Payments including £885 at Halesowen Golf Club and £102 at Himley House will be reviewed, he added.

## Bandage aid for hospital

STAFF and customers at Sainsbury's stores in Amblecote and Merryhill have raised £320 for Birmingham Children Hospital's Big Bandage Campaign. Colleagues at the two stores wore bandages and asked customers to donate money to the cause, which helps improve the facilities and environment for children who are treated at the hospital every year. Stourbridge MP Margot James also visited the Amblecote store for a surgery session and lent her support to the campaign.

## Fitness tutor's medal knees-up



Fitness teacher Jean Hughes with class members at a celebration garden party

JEAN Hughes has devoted decades to help women keep fit by running a hundreds of exercise classes. Her efforts have helped make friendships which will last a lifetime for generations who have taken part.

Now the 77-year-old has celebrated being awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours with a regal garden party. Her friends decided to host it for Mrs Hughes after realising they would not all be able to attend Buckingham Palace to see her receive her honour.

Class member Pamela Barnsley, aged 69, hosted the royal themed garden party with around 80 delighted women attending the event last week, in Kingswinford. She even dressed up as the Queen complete with a themed mask to present Mrs Hughes with a pretend medal in commemoration.

The woman, who range in age from their 40s to 90s, also enjoyed posh food and champagne served up in a marquee.

Mrs Hughes was awarded the medal for services to the community through keep fit

and her contribution to charity. She will receive it in the coming months.

She has raised more than £115,000 for good causes by staging events and holding raffles. Midlands Air Ambulance, Russells Hall Hospital and breast cancer charities have all benefited over the years.

The mother of one has been running exercise classes in Wordsley and the surrounding area for 41 years. She still runs three classes a week which help teach a range of fitness techniques.

### Wonderful

"We are all like sisters really. It was a wonderful day and it was so nice to everybody," said Mrs Hughes, who lives with husband of 56 years, Ray, in Kingswinford.

"The award it wonderful but I did not accept it for me. I accepted it for my group because without them I wouldn't be doing all this. One of the best parts of it all has been the friendships that we have made over the years."

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## Selection of candidate 'by the book'

LABOUR has picked its candidate to try to win a battle-ground seat in Dudley amid controversy over union backing.

Natasha Millward was one of 41 candidates nationally named in a leaked report as being favoured by the Unite trade union.

Campaigners have defended union support as being nothing new but a row continues over Unite's influence on the Labour party amid allegations it tried to rig the selection in Falkirk.

The Tories have accused Unite and its general secretary Len McCluskey of trying to 'fix' the selections of the 41 candidates, including four in the Black Country.

One of those saw 35-year-old Miss Millward become Labour's candidate in Dudley South, held by Tory Chris Kelly since 2010.

Labour imposed an all-woman shortlist because it wants to increase the number of female MPs. It said the vote was taken in the usual way, with party members allowed to rank candidates in order of preference.

Miss Millward defeated two Dudley councillors – Judy Foster and Rachel Harris – as well as mayoress of Wolverhampton Jasbir Jaspal to be selected.

She said while she was named as Unite's favoured candidate, her selection was 'fully by the book'.

## Charity plea to therapists

A DUDLEY cancer support group is appealing for volunteer therapists to treat patients and carers.

White House Cancer Support has 11 therapists who give people with cancer, and their carers, complementary therapy. Patients and their carers can receive up to 12 free sessions of therapy.

Any therapist able to volunteer should call Helen Lees, group and records officer for White House, on 01384 231232.

## Article coup for childcare student

A HALESOWEN College student has had an article about how to make childcare affordable published in a specialist magazine. James Boddey, who is studying for a foundation degree in early years, is manager of a childcare centre.

The 25-year-old wants to make care more affordable and flexible. Course leader Angela Hodgkins said: "I am extremely proud of James."

# Megan has her designs on art director's role



Megan happy to get her hands dirty as art director

A BUDDING designer from Dudley has won the chance to work alongside chart-topping pop duo Rizzle Kicks.

Megan Adams, aged 21, beat thousands of hopefuls to land her place on the set of the music video for the band's new single, Lost Generation.

She has bagged the role of art director and, working with a professional mentor, she will be responsible for the overall 'look' of the production.

The Falmouth University student, of Cotwall End Road, Sedgley, said: "It's a tough industry to break into, so to get the call telling me I'd got the job was amazing."

"I'm really looking forward to

getting stuck in on-set. Working with Rizzle Kicks and the art director, Ruth Crawford, will be an exciting learning curve.

"This experience will really help me to find my path for when university is over, as well as giving me the opportunity allow me to meet new people in the business with the same passion as me."

### Join

Megan, who studies interior design, won the opportunity after the band teamed up with GoThinkBig, a work experience initiative launched by O2 and Bauer Media to help people aged between 16 and 24 from across the

country. She will join a team of 32 other recruits working on the video, which will mirror today's reality television shows, mentored by a professional production cast.

Other positions that up for grabs included everything from runners, stage hands, make-up artists, cast members and camera crews, to directors, producers and editors.

Jordan Stephens, of Rizzle Kicks, said: "We want to give kids the kind of break we got."

"There are so many talented young people across the UK who all too often don't get the chance to prove themselves in a real work environment."

# Patients group pledges to help improve Russells Hall

A NEWLY-FORMED health patients' group says it will play an important role in helping turn around Russells Hall Hospital.

It has been told to make urgent improvements in the wake of a critical Government report which found failings in staff levels and the complaints procedure.

The investigation by NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh was launched because of reported high death rates at the hospital, managed by Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The hospital was not placed in special measures unlike 11 other hospitals looked at, but it has been given an action plan of improvements and warned it will be revisited for an inspection in the autumn.

The independent patients' group Healthwatch Dudley said it would be working with the hospital to help it meet the wanted standards.

The group is funded from central government to represent users of health and social care in Dudley on such boards as the borough's Health and Well Being Board.

It has powers to report unsolved issues to the Care Quality Commission and to Healthwatch England, a national patients' group.

Spokeswoman Melissa

byl Alex Ross

Guest said: "As local consumer champion for health and social care, it is clear Healthwatch Dudley has a very important role to play."

"In the coming months we will be listening to the experiences of patients, their families and carers, to ensure that their views are fully taken into account."

"We are committed to representing the views of local people and are pleased that we have been invited to work with Russells Hall Hospital, to support everyone on this challenging journey."

She added: "The hospital needs to make improvements, but it also needs to hear from its patients if it wants to succeed."

"The complaints procedure is one area the patients can have a direct involvement in helping to improve – they tell us what is right and wrong and we can pass that information on to the relevant people."

To contact the group call 03000 111 001.

## Bully's hits goal for £3,000 baby boost



Steve Bull with ward sister Julie Taylor, radiologist Dr Kambiz Maleki, and consultant Dr Subramanian Mahadevan

A HOSPITAL charity raising money for premature and sick babies has received a major funding boost from England and Wolves legend Steve Bull.

Steve strove into Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, to present a cheque for £3,000 to the charity for the hospital's neonatal unit.

The donation came following an appeal by his charity, the Steve Bull Foundation, with the cash being raised at a golf day held at Worfield Golf Club.

The money will be used to buy a bilibed, which is used to treat babies with newborn jaundice. The Wolves star said: "I am delighted my charity has been able to support such a worthwhile cause, and thank you to everyone who attended our golf day whose generosity enabled us to buy the much needed equipment for the Neonatal Unit."

Karen Phillips, charity fundraising manager, added: "We are so grateful to

the Steve Bull Foundation for this generous donation which will purchase a bilibed for the Neonatal Unit. The phototherapy unit allows a baby suffering with jaundice to be treated in their own cot rather than being restricted to an incubator."

The foundation provides grants to Black Country and West Midlands organisations to help their work to aid young people, the disabled, the homeless, the sick and the disadvantaged.

## NEWS

in brief

### Benches may go to deter gangs

PROBLEMS with drunken anti-social behaviour is on the rise in Lower Gornal as gangs congregate during the afternoon and evening, it is claimed.

Large groups are gathering around benches in Abbey Road, intimidating shoppers and causing a nuisance for traders.

The situation has got so bad councillors are considering removing the benches to try and tackle the problem. Plans have also been put forward to restore a CCTV camera which was removed after suffering damage. Councillor Tim Wright said it was desperately needed.

### New store will create 150 jobs

UP to 150 jobs are being created at Merry Hill with the opening of The Range homeware shop on September 20. It is now recruiting for part-time and full-time jobs.

The Range sells value-priced products ranging from homeware, DIY and garden furniture to arts and crafts, sofas, beds and toys. The branch will be the chain's 77 store. Founder Chris Dawson said: "Dudley is the perfect location for us."

### Store brand is boost to charity

A SHOP in Dudley is donating the profits from the sale of a food brand in its store to a cancer support charity in the borough.

White House Cancer Support has so far received £500 thanks to Nisa Local Store, Nith Place. Owners Sam and Dal Rai launched the partnership after the charity was picked as one of the Dudley Mayor Alan Finch's for of the year.

White House manager Chris Barron said: "We are very grateful for support of the Nisa Local Store."

### Pupils fashion their own catwalk

PUPILS from Halesowen's Earls High School organised their own fashion catwalk show as they had the chance to experience student life at Halesowen College.

Fifteen went for a fashion and print workshop, where they designed their own T-shirts and then modelled them.

### Foot care back

AGE UK Dudley has relaunched foot care services at its base in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, Monday to Friday. Call 01384 267009 for appointments.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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WORRYINGLY, for a second week running, I again find myself in agreement with a member of the political classes.

Dudley councillor Patrick Harley says he will lift all car parking charges if his party regains control at next year's elections. Of course the key word is 'if', and it is easy to make bold promises from the luxury of the opposition benches.

At least he has grasped the problem, which most other councillors in the West Midlands, seem unwilling to accept.

There is little point in spending millions of pounds on glossy new schemes to attract people into our towns if you are then going to make them feel unwelcome the moment they arrive. Whoever invented the pay and display meter has a lot to answer for.

It is not just the cost, or even the inconvenience of being expected to carry a pocketful of small change around. More than that, it is the sheer officiousness of it all.

The pompous signs warning of dire penalties, the officials dressed like the Red Army poised with their sinister hand-held devices, waiting to pounce on anybody who dares to transgress.

If councils had any sense, they would be rolling out the red carpet for anybody choosing to spend money in our ailing town centres.

And realise that a pay-and-display meter on a publicly owned car park presents about as warm a welcome as a punch in the throat.

LOVED the story about the mother and daughter who were turned away from a McDonald's drive-through because they arrived on horseback.

Undeterred, the mother took her beast into the seating area (the horse, not the daughter), where it left a rather unpleasant gratuity on the restaurant floor.

Why they were turned away is not explained. Smacks of a hate-crime to me, equinophobia or something. Still, they should be grateful it was MacDonald's, and not one of those dreadful, less reputable burger outlets.

They would probably have thought it was a meat delivery.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their new son. And as the nation shares in their joy, conversation turns to the choice of name.

Much has been made of the young Duchess's unremarkable, middle-class background, and the couple's ability to connect with modern Britain. Even so, a Prince Wayne or Keanu might still be a step too far.

Besides, celebrity names are all a bit old hat. If the happy couple want a name that truly reflects 21st century Britain, maybe it is time to consider a bit of corporate sponsorship.

HRH Prince of Cambridge, Brought To You In Association With J D Sports. Has a rather nice ring to it, don't you think?



Cradley Heath Baptist Church which has had extensive work



The restored steeple



The church's interior where the roof has been made secure

# Helping glory return to Georgian church

Specialists were called in to fight the ravages of frost and wood rot, as **NAOMI DUNNING** found out

**A £200,000 restoration project on an historic church has now been completed.**

This first phase of the restoration work on Grade II-listed Cradley Heath Baptist Church saw specialist builders and stonemasons undertake the delicate project to restore the historic building.

The 180-year-old church in Cornreaves Road was awarded a £97,000 grant from English Heritage to carry out the vital works.

Church bosses then worked hard to secure the rest of the funding through grants and fundraising projects to get the work done.

This first phase saw extensive work on the roof particularly on the west elevation and tower in a bid to make it water tight and secure.

## Specialists

They also undertook extensive re-pointing and the original embedded iron reinforcements have been replaced with stainless steel supports.

The terracotta detailing on the building was also badly frost-damaged, and bosses at the church recruited specialists from Blackburn to restore and replace the damaged detailing.

The specialists recreated exact replicas of two large terracotta urns which are placed on a prominent site at the church.

Internally the floor on the south side had extensive wood rot, which had to be replaced.

Project manager Gordon Roberts says:



Project manager Gordon Roberts looks how the restoration of the Cradley Heath Baptist Church progressed

"We had to replace 20 square metres worth of flooring. The workman actually had to prop up the organ which weighs around two tonnes and work underneath."

"The floor damage was worse than expected so it cost us a bit more to get done."

The workmen also replaced the roof truss on the north side of the building.

Mr Roberts says: "All the high level repairs have now been completed so the

building is water tight. I started working on this in 2009, so it is fantastic to see this stage completed. I think the workman have done a brilliant job, and all the work and detailing is as true to the original as much as possible."

## Selected

Church bosses applied to English Heritage for the grant in 2011 and initially received £15,000 to start the development work. Specialist teams of

architects and designers assessed the building, and worked out the best way to restore it so it will last for generations to come.

Heritage bosses said the Georgian church was selected because of its outstanding historical significance.

This is just the first phase of the work and Mr Roberts is now looking to fundraise for the second phase which will see the inside of the church restored and redecorated.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager escaped with a gashed head after plunging more than 60ft down a Welsh mountainside. Stuart Edwards, from Tettenhall, tripped on loose rocks and fell down a sheer drop during a school trip.

FORMER champion motor cyclist Pip Harris won a bottle of champagne – and decided to build a boat to go with it. Mr Harris spent 10 years building the 40ft sailing yacht in the back garden of his Wombourne home.

PENSIONERS in Wolverhampton were given an offer of cut-price food – school meals at 22p. The scheme made use of surplus food from school kitchens, caused by drop in pupil numbers.

### 1993...

WOLVERHAMPTON'S longest-serving headmaster said goodbye to his pupils and staff when he retired from the Northcote School in Bushbury. Michael Davies, aged 63, had been head of the school for 24 years.

WALSALL-by-the-sea was the image being promoted by organisers of the town's annual illuminations – even though the nearest beach is 100 miles away. A package of seaside-style entertainment was launched to persuade locals that they don't have to travel to the coast for bright lights and pier-type shows.

WOLVERHAMPTON pools collector Sean Sarsfield hit the jackpot himself, netting £210,000 from a £1.50 stake. The 41-year-old from Bushbury scooped top prize in a national spot-the-ball competition.

### 2003...

FOOTBALL fans in Wolverhampton faced a blackout after pubs switched off live football because of an increase in Sky Sports subscription charges. At least 12 pubs in the region decided not to show the new football season due to price increases of up to 22 per cent.

A PANTOMIME group from the Black Country raised money to help autistic children after performing a classic fairytale. The Stourbridge Pantomime Company performed Pinocchio to raise funds to build a residential unit at Sunfield School in Clent.

A 75-YEAR-OLD former accountant from Tettenhall broke two British athletics records at the 15th World Masters Championships in Puerto Rico. Sprightly Alan Meddings proved that he's the fastest pensioner in the world by winning the 100m and 200m events.

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## LETTERS

## Farmers' market needs your support

IN response to R.Blackwood's letter (July 11) I would like to add my own points about the twice monthly market in Halesowen. Firstly, I suspect that the Saturday they were talking about was actually the fifth one of the month when an additional market is allowed.

However, some farmers already have other commitments and are unable to attend, hence the fact there were only two stalls. There are more farmers on the second and fourth Saturdays.

Secondly, the market has, for several years, been a farmers' and craft market, with a limited number of general stalls permitted since last year,

as per the licence agreement. While some charity shops may stock some similar items, there are products in the market that cannot be found in these shops. Naturally, the quality of goods will vary, as they do in retail shops. Stallholders pride themselves on giving good, friendly service in all weathers.

Many of the town's retailers have openly stated they welcome the market, as it brings additional visitor those days, which increases their own sales. Market traders, in turn, spend money with retailers while they are there. But vital to all this, is the support of customers. Unfortunately,

the market has just lost the Snogabble Garlic stall due to poor sales, despite the excellent quality of their product.

So, a plea. If Halesowen residents of (which we are) wish to have a vibrant and varied market then traders need your support. Please come and take a look at our stalls, say hello and ask questions about what we sell, we are a friendly bunch!

Without our customers' support, not only will the farmers have gone but also the whole market altogether.

PAULINE SIMPSON AND  
TRISH WINDSOR  
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## The Heathens need backing from council

I COULD not agree more with the comments made by Mike Thompson, who, although living in our neighbouring borough, has the interests of Dudley to heart.

Our council continues to award nothing but failure and I agree with another writer, does little to deter the offenders of dog mess.

It is an absolute disgrace that despite many years of promises and millions of our pounds spent, we have so little regeneration. Even a 3,000-name petition supplied by me has not protected our medieval market place. Double yellow lines have increased and there is an absence of free parking in our run-down town. Our streets are littered with failed black bag collections.

One of the few successes was our beloved Heathens speedway. They bought people from all over the UK and have been treated with utter contempt. Land by the old Freightliner site is an ideal place to house the speedway.

MALCOLM DAVIS  
Cromwell Drive  
Dudley

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Double standards on protecting our parks

I READ in awe that Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, has won lottery cash towards a long-awaited revamp and that the main 'listed' park gates will also be spruced up.

I was also intrigued to read that Dudley Council is committed to maintaining our valuable parks and green spaces. We ourselves, members of The Friends of Homer Hill Park, Cradley, can only watch as our small park is being destroyed by developers with the full consent and help of the very same council which itself is trying to tell us it will be an improvement and beneficial to our park.

Since when has a park track being turned into an access road to a housing development, which in turn cuts the park in half, been an improvement or benefit to any park, green space or its users?

When it comes to the park gates, I suppose being listed does help as one of the main sets of our park gates which fronted the park have been taken down as part of this development and have unfortunately disappeared. After inquiries no one seems to know what has happened to them. It seems to me that Dudley Council has two sets of standards when it comes to its self-confessed commitment to the local parks and green spaces.

MARY WHITEHOUSE, Butchers Lane, Cradley

## A welcome for new bins

I HAVE been writing to Dudley Council since I moved to Kingswinford 20 years ago as it has been more than two decades behind other councils re-gardening bins!

When you have a family it is a nightmare trying to store rubbish until your collection day. With a massive problem of cats, rats and foxes ripping open bin bags and waking up to rubbish all over your garden every Wednesday morning wheeling a bin in and out will be welcomed with open arms from our family!

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## Many thanks

I WOULD like to thank the very kind people who stopped to help my daughter and her boyfriend at the motorway island in Walsall recently when some idiot decided to go straight over a red light and straight into the side of them.

I still have some faith in human kindness. Thanks again.

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## MEMORY LANE



An early 1920s view of part of The Bridge, Walsall, showing a Walsall Corporation Tram



Walsall Railway Station concourse in Park Street, 1920s



Walsall Market, High St and St Matthew's Church photographed in the early 1920s

# Relics of proud industrial borough between the wars

by Stuart Williams

IN MY last Memory Lane feature, I wrote about the extensive photographic collections held at Walsall Local History Centre.

I specifically took the opportunity to showcase a few classic images of Walsall town which have not survived as original photographic images but can still be found in old books.

The photographs I reproduced for that Memory Lane were from that wonderful Victorian book The Walsall Album. I also mentioned the local Town Guides or Official Handbooks, variations on which were a particularly popular means of promoting towns and boroughs across the country during the first half of the 20th century.

They were a fine showcase for local civic pride, facilities and businesses.

The town council used these books as an opportunity to stress the advantages of Walsall as a place for people to live, sell, buy, do business and set up factories, etc.

Clearly this was very important then, as now, to provide employment for local people and increase the prosperity of residents, businesses and the corporation.

They also commissioned local professional photographers to provide pictures for these books, generating business for them too.

In the 1920s and 1930s, there were two series of such books, published annually, which are of particular interest to anyone wanting to find out how local people lived, worked and were governed. These are the Walsall Official Handbooks of the early 1920s and 1930s and the even more business-focused Walsall's Industrial Advantages books of the mid to late 1930s.

Walsall Local History Centre has a few of both, passed down from the reference section of the old Walsall Free Library, now known as the Walsall Central Library.

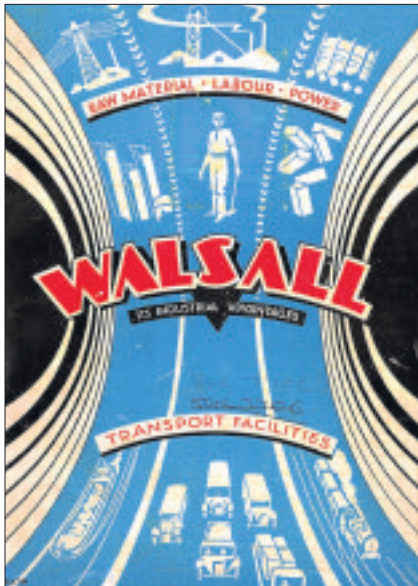
Some of these are as fascinating for their colourful and stylish Art Deco influenced cover artwork as they are for their photographs, adverts and informational content. Two covers as well as some town centre photographs are reproduced here for your interest.

### Visit

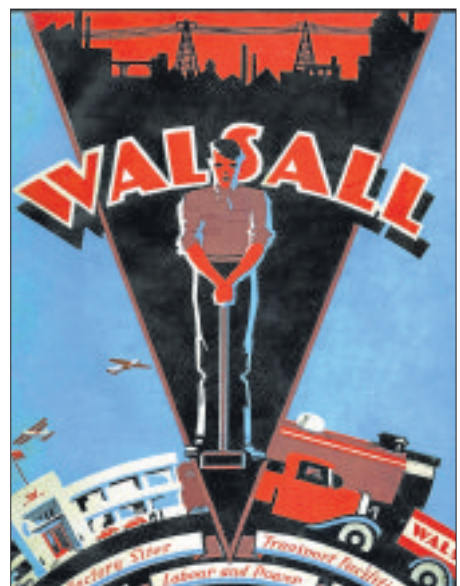
There is far more in these books than can be shown here, so why not visit Walsall Local History Centre? You never know what you might discover.

Prints of pictures shown and thousands more are available to purchase by special order, as well as a wide range of books, from Walsall Local History Centre. For local and family history, drop into the centre in Essex Street, which is part of Walsall Council. Telephone 01922 721305.

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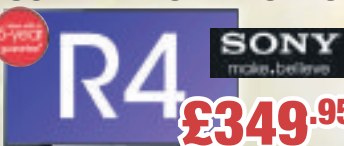
This cover for the 1936 Walsall's Industrial Advantages handbook emphasises industry and manufacturing



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## NEWS

# Epic journey for rider's vintage bike



Jonathan Clarke with the 1947 New Hudson motorcycle which he used for his charity 600-mile challenge

A CLASSIC bike enthusiast jumped on his vintage motorcycle for a charity challenge from John O'Groats to Land's End.

Jonathan Clarke, aged 21, completed the journey of more than 600 miles on his 1947 New Hudson bike earlier this month.

Mr Clarke, who works as a classic car trimmer, said he had heard of other people embarking on the challenge but had wanted to do it a little differently.

He decided to use the vintage cycle for the journey. Mr Clarke, of Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, started out on his epic challenge on July 1.

The bike has a cruising speed of between 22mph and 25mph and the total journey took him nine days to complete.

He raised £1,000 for the Midlands

Air Ambulance from the challenge with sponsorship donated by friends, family and work colleagues.

Mr Clarke said: "I know quite a few people have done this challenge but they have tended to use modern cycles. I want to do something a bit different."

"I am a bike enthusiast and purchased the New Hudson from ebay. All I have done to the bike since receiving it is to re-build the engine."

"Part of the reason I wanted to stage this challenge was to prove the bike could do it and I am really pleased to have done that."

Mr Clarke thanked everyone who had supported him in the challenge. He works for Aldridge Trimming, which specialises in fitting out the interiors of classic vehicles such as Jaguars and Mercedes.



Journey's end for Jonathan Clarke

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## Springboard into action as Zumbathon raises £1,300

ENTHUSIASTIC over-50s showed they had all the moves by taking part in a sponsored 'Zumbathon'.

A group of 30 people raised £1,300 for Age UK Dudley at the event at Brierley Hill Methodist Church, Bank Street.

Instructor Joanna Handley said: "It was a fantastic event and everyone had a great laugh and was very cheerful."

The Zumbathon, which took place on July 15, was part of the charity's Springboard project, which provides activities for more than 350 people, the oldest of whom is 100 years old.

Another participant, Brenda Christie, aged 63, who lives in Stourbridge, said: "I thoroughly enjoyed it and I couldn't believe how quickly the

time went. The afternoon made me feel really good and I've come away having made some more friends."

Jenny Worwood, the charity's Springboard coordinator, thanked everybody who took part.

She added: "The afternoon was a great success and everyone really enjoyed themselves."

"We are so grateful for everyone's effort and supporting us, especially in the heat."

"This great achievement will help keep our Springboard project running."

"It is wonderful to receive support from individuals and, as a charity, our services would not be possible without the support from the community through fundraising."



Brenda Christie, second left, with other Zumbathon participants and Jenny Worwood, Age UK Dudley's Springboard project coordinator, and Zumba instructor Joanna Handley, seventh left

## Borough bucks trend as jobless figure falls

JOB queues are getting shorter in Dudley borough, new figures have revealed.

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in the borough fell by 312 to 9,657 last month.

The drop could be partly due to the jobs boom in neighbouring Sandwell, where the £200 million New Square shopping development has seen hundreds of people recruited for new stores including a Tesco Extra.

In neighbouring Kidderminster and Wyre Forest the claimant count was down by 112 to 2,138, while in South

Staffordshire it fell by 58 to 1,555.

The drop came despite a rise in overall unemployment in the West Midlands, which rose by 15,000 to 268,000.

Nationwide unemployment fell 57,000 to 2.51 million in the three months to May, the Office for National Statistics said.

The national total for people claiming the allowance fell 21,200 to 1.48m. The two figures differ because not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible to claim Jobseeker's Allowance.

## Care group investment call as HQ up for sale

THE former Brierley Hill Labour Club, which has been transformed into a carers charity headquarters, is being auction today. The building, which is now home to Insight for Carers, has an asking price of £170,000.

Charity bosses said the potential sale is not disrupting their work and maintain the centre will stay open.

Insight For Carers was established in January 2009 by Marc Carter, who is a carer himself and struggled to find the appropriate support he needed.

They have converted the former club building thanks to donations from business and support from volunteers creating a thriving centre.

The Pearson Street building is let to the charity until 2019 at an annual rent of £24,000.

Mr Carter said he would welcome new investors to buy the site and work with the charity to further boost its work.

### Welcome

"The building has gone up for sale but the charity will not be affected as we have our lease agreement," he said.

"We would welcome a new landlord to buy the building and invest in it and work with us"

Insight supports adult and young carers in Dudley borough through social gatherings, information workshops and practical advice on benefits.

The centre recently held a range of activities during National Carers Week. The



Home of Insight for Carers in Brierley Hill

venue also runs its own cafe called the Secret Coffee Club from the premises. Volunteers recently took over The Phoenix Castle Mobile Toy Library which was due to close down imminently, two years after losing £23,000 of vital funding from Dudley Council.

But volunteers stepped in to run the service which loans out hundreds of games and toys to children with disabilities and special needs in Dudley borough each year.

Volunteers take toys out to families' homes in their own van, lending out the items for as long as they are needed.

The initiative has operated in part for around 40 years and is believed to be the oldest of its kind in the country.

The auction is taking place in London.

## Fun the park to welcome meadow

A MEADOW, which has been created at Quarry Bank park, will be at the centre of a community family event. Wildlife in the Wildflowers will take place at park, off Thorns Road, on July 30, and families are invited to join the fun.

Wardens from the nearby Saltwells Nature Reserve will lead a tour of the wildflower meadow from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Visitors are also invited to take a picnic and enjoy the surroundings of the park during the afternoon.

To join the walk, people should book a place and meet at the car park at the park. Call Saltwells wardens on 07920 235036 to book a place.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "Quarry Bank Park is a popular green space for residents in the local community."

"The addition of the meadow area is just part of a number of further developments at the park. The council countryside staff and the Friends of Quarry Bank Park are working closely together on these enhancements."

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## NEWS

# Fears for centre's future due to lack of volunteers

A COMMUNITY centre at the heart of a village near Stourbridge could close unless more volunteers come forward to help with day-to-day running tasks.

Hagley Community Association, which runs Hagley Community Centre, Worcester Lane, is struggling after losing two of its committee members.

It has called a public meeting in September in a bid to enrol help for the centre, which is used by more than 35 groups.

The association does not have a chairman, booking officers or village fete co-ordinator. Its Village News will also be stopped being delivered if the shortage is not solved.

Hagley Parish Council chairman and association member Steve Colella said: "The community centre is at the centre of village life, it's where people congregate for village meetings, groups gather for meetings and a focal point for the community."

"It's important it stays open - I'd encourage people to come to the meeting, hopefully it will inspire them to take a leading role in running the centre to keep it open."

### Need

"We have plans to apply for funding to improve the centre and maybe create another meeting room, this could be used by police for their monthly meetings."

"We are also looking at integrating a library within the centre."

In a statement on the association's website, Village News editor Anna Morley said: "Hagley Community Association finds itself in need of new members to help with the running of the community centre."

"There is a real danger that if volunteers do not come forward to help, the community centre could close."

Among the groups to use the centre are Hagley Theatre Group, a chess club, Hagley Helpline and Hagley Cricket Club. The meeting will take place at the community centre on September 18 at 7.30pm.

## Pupils' Commando exercise



Royal Marine Corporal Michael Husbands with students Lauren Brant, left, Kai Pluck, Sherrie Lewis and Kelis Edwards

PUPILS got a taste of life in the Royal Marines during an action-packed day of military drills.

The Year 7 students from Wordsley School were visited by a team of four Royal Marines who shared their expertise on fitness and nutrition. They also led exercises in fitness, leadership and team building activities.

The activities were designed to help develop the children's physical capabilities as well as encourage

leadership and promote teamwork. Teacher Judith Longman said: "The pupils really enjoyed themselves. The Royal Marines were inspiring to all and pupils enjoyed hearing about the Royal Marine Commandos' sporting and military lives."

Corporal Michael Husbands said he was impressed with the enthusiasm of the pupils. He added: "The children have been great. They worked hard and had a lot of fun."

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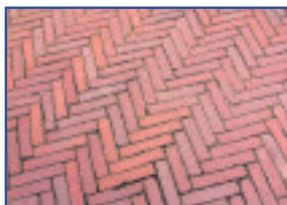


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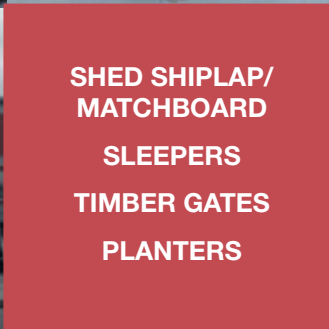
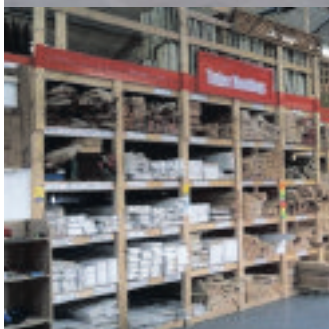
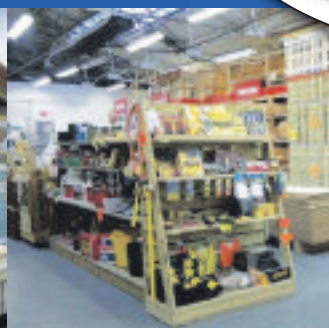
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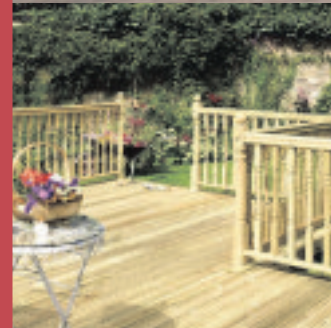
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## NEWS

# Work gets under way on £6m hotel development

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YOUNG actors have been hopelessly devoted to their rehearsals for their production of hit musical Grease in Brierley Hill.

And their own impressive version of the Greased Lightning car was the centrepiece.

Members of Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company teamed up as T Birds and Pink Ladies to emulate their heroes John Travolta and Olivia Newton John. The production took place at Brierley Hill Civic Hall last Friday and Saturday.

Members of the youth group, aged from nine to 21, took part.

Youth group co-ordinator Jo Gresswell said: "The car looks great, and it makes a real centrepiece."



Members of Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company get ready for Grease

A £6 million scheme to build a 80-bedroom hotel and restaurant aimed at boosting tourism in Stourbridge is under way.

Demolition work has started in preparation for the Premier Inn, Brewers Fayre restaurant and 122-space car park to be constructed on land off Birmingham Street.

Around 65 jobs are expected to be created in the joint venture between Barberry Developments, Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants and Cox Hire Ltd.

The four-acre site was used for many years by Cox Hire, which has now relocated to Netherton.

Demolition work is set to be completed later this year with construction work due to begin on the hotel in the autumn. It is due to be completed by spring 2014.

Demolition of buildings is being carried out by DSM Demolition, which recently pulled down the Bell Street multi-storey to make way for the new Tesco supermarket.

Dudley Council granted permission for the hotel which will be built in a L-shape at a height of four-storeys, earlier this year.

Barberry is in discussions with potential drive-thru operators for the site.

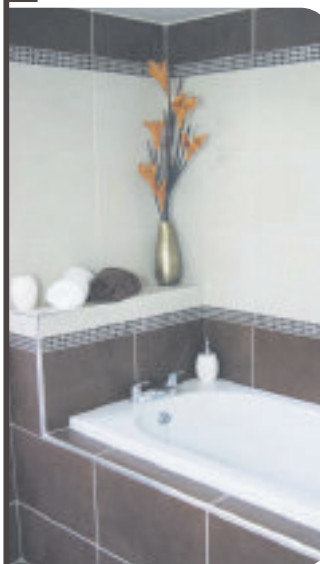
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## NEWS

# Mammoth task ahead for archive volunteers

VOLUNTEERS and staff from an archive service have begun the huge task of boxing up two miles worth of documents in preparation for Dudley Borough archives and local history service in Coseley's big move to its new £6 million headquarters in Tipton Road, Dudley.

A team of 22 volunteers has been recruited to help staff prepare for the move. They have received specialist training to help pack and box up the often priceless archive material, which includes precious documents, maps, books, journals and photographs. All items have to be carefully handled and packaged in specific ways to ensure they are not damaged or exposed to the light. The new centre is due to be completed next month, with the move scheduled for October.

Councillor Stuart Turner, Dudley Council

cabinet member for archives, said: "It is a huge and challenging task for our staff to methodically and systematically package up all of the precious archives."

"We really do appreciate all the help from such a dedicated team of volunteers. The boxing up process will continue over the summer months."

## Reduced

From this week there will be reduced service provided by the archives team as the preparations to move gear up.

The current centre in Mount Pleasant Street, Coseley will open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. As space will be limited people are advised to book their visit in advance. The service will also continue to be contactable by phone and email.



Archivist Helen Donald, centre, with volunteers Sally Cartwright and Alex Homer

# Final £2.6m won to transform market

THE final £2.6 million grant has been secured to make the transformation of Dudley's historic market a reality.

Work will get under way in the new year at Dudley Market after the last slice of funding was won from the European Regional Development Fund, and tops up the required £6.7 million needed for the scheme.

The revamp, which was approved by Dudley Council last month, will feature a newly-designed market, new paving, feature lighting and

the repositioning of the Duncan Edwards statue to the other side of the market, at the New Street end.

An ageing toilet block will be replaced by a public toilet at the former Walmsley's furniture store in Castle Street.

Traders had voiced concerns and recently submitted alternative plans to councillors. But members of the cabinet agreed to press ahead in order to secure the European funding for the latest round of grant applications.

# Homes plan will bring life back to factory site

A LONG-DISUSED factory site in Brierley is to be brought back to life after plans to build nearly 100 homes were approved. Proposals for 96 houses on the land at Delph Road received unanimous approval from Dudley Council's development control committee last week.

A factory building will be demolished and the site will be split between 18 two-bedroom flats, 56 two and three-bedroom houses and 22 four and five-bedroom properties.

Developer Orchard Park Properties Ltd submitted the scheme to breathe new life into the site which has lain empty for more than a decade.

It was previously home to several manufacturers.

Committee member councillor Tim Wright said he was pleased the site was finally being developed.

"I can remember taking a look at this site for a proposed development back in 2008 which came to nothing," he said. "I sincerely hope we will actually see building work taking place at the site soon."

Fellow committee member councillor John Martin agreed: "I can only echo what Councillor Wright has said."

"This site has been empty for a number of years and it is great something is now going to happen."

Plans for a footway as part of the development from Anchor Hill to Delph Road had been abandoned.

## Explosions rock estate

EXPLOSIONS rocked a housing estate in Dudley as overhead cables struck trees causing power cuts to more than 35,000 homes.

Residents were left terrified as the cables running behind their homes sagged due to the heat.

One of the lines connected with a tree causing the first explosion and branches to catch fire last Wednesday.

Minutes later there was a second loud bang as the shorting out of the first cable caused another to sag due to the increased electrical load. This hit another tree - causing that one to set alight.

Police, fire crews and workers from Western Power Distribution were called to Kenilworth Court and Scots Green Close at around 1.50pm. They immediately isolated the power so repairs could be carried out.

Power cuts were reported in Dudley and Lye. Householders were told to remain indoors as a precaution.

## Holly captures award



Holly Wilkinson has won an award in a national competition with her short film on organ donation

BUDDING film maker Holly Wilkinson has snapped up a national award after shooting a short movie urging the public to sign up to donate their organs. Holly, aged 22, of Fredericks Close, Norton, Stourbridge, roped in her three-year-old nephew, Beau Burrows, to star in her film titled 'The Gift of Life'.

Their effort won her the best craft award in the NHS Blood and Transplant service's Organ Donation Through a Lens competition organised to inspire people to sign up to the NHS Organ Donor Register or to let their loved ones know that they would like to donate after death.

The former pupil of Stourbridge's Redhill School, who graduated from the University of Worcester last year with degree in film production, said: "Everybody would happily take an organ if they needed one but only a third of people are signed up." The film is available via [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHfTfX3XjM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHfTfX3XjM)

## Fun days for children

CHILDREN over three-years-old will be going potty at the first of a series of summer craft days at a beauty spot near Stourbridge. Fun Thursdays will be launched in the caves next to the tea rooms at the Rock Houses at Kinver Edge from 11am to 3.30pm.

The first session called Go Potty will show youngsters how to decorate and plant up flower pots. There will be Music Makers on August 1, Clay Creatures on August 8, Play People on August 15, Nature's Paintbox on August 22 and Plastic Fantastic on August 29. Activities cost £2 per child and there is no need to book.

## MP chosen to lead group

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## CLUB NEWS

Trips take the place of meeting

# Barbecue cash adds up to a sizzling £900

## CLENT GARDENING CLUB

THE club had two evening outings in June instead of its usual meeting.

The first was to Meadow Farm Garden & Nursery, which was a great success. The weather was good and there was a good turn out of members.

The second was to Preen Manor Gardens at Much Wenlock. The weather had been wet most of the day but as the evening approached the sun came out enabling everyone to enjoy the gardens. There was also a beautiful church in the gardens built in the 11th century which was worth the visit alone.

The next club meeting will be on July 28 at Clent parish hall, with a talk by Dr John Page entitled 'The Joys of English Gardens'.

All are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in either joining or visiting can get further details on [clentgardeningclub.wordpress.com/](http://clentgardeningclub.wordpress.com/) or by calling chairman Pat Orme on 01384 394451.

September 7 is the 67th annual flower show in Clent parish hall. It will feature locally grown produce is judged by the WI, home made cakes for sale, a raffle, and a chance to enter your own home-grown produce.

There is also a section for children to enter. All entries must be in by 11am on the day.



Wolverhampton Sorooptimists president Parkash, Mike Colley and Mike Colley

ON June 30, the club hosted a barbecue in the garden of president Parkash's home.

Members and guests were joined by Mike Colley, President of Wolverhampton Rotary, plus committee members of the Wolverhampton Multiple Sclerosis Centre, including Peter and Cynthia Wright and Margaret King. Sponsors Gerald David and family of Minehead provided all the meat.

A buffet and bar were available for the 60-plus in attendance and there was a quiz.

Special thanks were given to all who had contributed, including those who had donated raffles prizes, helping to raise £900 for the president's special project - Wolver-

## WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

hampton Multiple Sclerosis Centre and other supported club projects.

The after dinner speaker in July was Haley Jay of Haley J Couture of Shrewsbury, one of Britain's leading bridal wear designers and creator of gowns.

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# What's On! Stourbridge

## BLU-RAY REVIEWS

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The difference with Ghibli, which may be as much cultural as to do with the creative individuals involved, is that their films are prone to much wilder flights of fancy, sometimes darker too, and humour takes a back seat to character and mood development. They are the connoisseur's cartoon.

### Japanese

Two of their classics have made their Blu-Ray premieres, available individually or on double play, for the crispest visuals yet and in both dubbed English and Japanese with English subtitles versions.

*Kiki's Delivery Service* (U) is the delightful tale of teenage *Owitch Kiki* who uses her broomstick skills to set up a courier service with her sarcastic cat *Jiji* for company.

*Grave of the Fireflies* (12) is further proof that animation is more than just kids' stuff. One respected critic has listed it among the greatest war films ever made.

It is the moving story of a pair of siblings trying to survive in the ruins of devastated Second World War Japan.

Leon Burakowski

# Magnum are still creative after more than 40 years

## Star-crossed lovers at the Manor House

SHAKESPEARE comes to Sandwell this summer when The Festival Players give an outdoor performance of one of the Bard's best loved plays at the Tudor Manor House in West Bromwich.

Performances of *Romeo and Juliet* will take place in the grounds of the beautiful 13th century museum building in Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, a perfect backdrop to outdoor theatre.

The performance is on Sunday, August 4, and gates will open at 4:15pm for people to bring a picnic. Then the performance begins at 5pm.

Visitors are asked to bring their own rugs or chairs to sit on, as well as their refreshments.

The classic story of young love blighted by warring families will be a popular choice.

Tickets can be bought online from the festivalplayers.co.uk or at the Manor House on Thursdays to Sunday afternoons. Tickets costs £12 for adults in advance (£14 at the gate) and concessions £10 (£12 at the gate).

If the weather is bad the performance will be moved indoors.



Young love – Romeo played by Oliver Tucker and Juliet by Alicia Bennett

## ROCK legends Magnum return home to the West Midlands tonight (Thursday) to headline at Bilston's Robin 2 venue.

The line-up will feature Tony Clarkin on guitars, Bob Catley vocals, Mark Stanway keyboards, Al Barrow bass and Harry James on drums.

The progressive band were formed in Birmingham in 1972 by Clarkin and Catley, who survived numerous line-up changes.

Their biggest success was *Chase The Dragon* in 1982, which reached the top 20 album chart, and featured *Soldier Of The Line*, *Sacred Hour* and *The Spirit*.

Their success continued with the gold-selling *On A Storyteller's Night* in 1985, which featured *Just Like An Arrow*.

The band disbanded in 1995 so that Catley could form a new band but they reunited in 2001 and have since released six more albums.

Last year, they released their most recent, *On The 13th Day*, and they remain firm favourites of rockers around the UK.

Clarkin revealed in April that he had been in the studio working on and recording new songs, which are set for release in January 2014. The current working

by Andy Richardson

title is *Escape From The Shadow Garden* and it is scheduled for release next year.

Magnum show no signs of slowing down, after more than 40 years together.

Bob Catley said: "The older we get, the easier it becomes. It's a doddle. We've got it right at last; the right people in the band, the right production, the right songs, the right record company, the right fans, right everything. Magnum can go on for a long time."

"As soon as we get off tour Tony has a couple of days off and then he goes into his 'shed', his studio up his garden, and starts writing. Just ideas, playing for the love of creating something new."

"I'll probably hear something new again in about six months time, when he's got something to play me."

"When we go out we want to do new songs. We don't want to be a heritage band, that's not our style at all."

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In *Shroud of Sorrow* by Tommy Donbavand, the eleventh (current) Doctor goes back to 1963 to find Britain plunged into gloom, not only by President Kennedy's assassination but because people are haunted by the faces of dead friends and relatives. Read by Frances Barber for five hours 40 minutes.

Doctor Who and the *Leisure Hive* is an unabridged reading by Lalla 'Romana' Ward of one of the *Target Books* from the 1980s. The fourth Doctor finds himself on trial after he and Romana arrive at an intergalactic Las Vegas. It is a three hour and 45 minute epic, written by David Fisher. The fourth Doctor also features in the *Babblesphere*, by Jonathan Morris, in which he and Romana find an artists' paradise in decay. Lalla Ward and Roger Parrot perform the hour and 12 minute story.

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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 27.07.13

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## CHOICE



Nick Knowles

**The National Lottery: Break the Safe**

**BBC1, 8.50pm**  
Nick Knowles returns to our screens, demanding our prime-time attention once again, in another game show effort for the National Lottery. He's no stranger to this edge-of-your-seat format, and frankly it's nice to see him back. Nick oversees three couples thrashing it out in a question-and-answer session to see which of them will be the last pair standing. That pair will then get the chance to break the eponymous safe, but the winnings will depend entirely upon how much the pair has earned throughout the previous rounds.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food, (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News, Weather, 12.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 12.45 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. New series. Magazine show, presented by Gabby Logan. 1.30 Live Athletics: The London Anniversary Games. 5.15 Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix - Qualifying.**

**6.40 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.**  
**7.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, (1984)** The intrepid archaeologist travels to India, where he battles to retrieve sacred stones in the possession of an evil cult. Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw.

**8.50 The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** New series. Nick Knowles invites three pairs to take part in this against-the-clock game show, with the winners playing for the money in a safe. Includes the Lottery results.

**9.40 BBC News: Weather.**  
**10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)

**10.30 Film: Con Air, (1997)** A parolee on his flight home intervenes when America's deadliest criminals hijack the plane. Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich and Steve Buscemi. National Lottery Update.

**12.15 Film: The Jackal, (1997)**  
**2.15 Weatherview, 2.20 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two, 6.30 Film: Mary of Scotland, (1936) 8.30 Film: Back to Bataan, (1945) 10.00 A History of Scotland, (R) 11.00 Life in the Freezer, (R) 11.30 University Challenge, (R) 12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking, 12.45 EastEnders, (R) 2.40 Wild Shepherds with Kate Humble, (R) 3.40 Springwatch Guide to Butterflies & Moths, (R) 4.40 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.**

**7.00 Proms Extra 2013.** New series. Katie Derham presents a review of this season's concerts, including a report on Daniel Barenboim leading the Staatskapelle Berlin's performance of Wagner's Ring Cycle.

**7.40 Dad's Army.** First-ever episode of the classic comedy, in which bank manager George Mainwaring assembles a motley crew of volunteers to protect Britain from Nazi invasion. Arthur Lowe stars. (R)

**8.10 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy.** The historian examines the 17th century, when royalty presided over musical breakthroughs including the first chamber concerts and proto-operas.

**9.10 Top of the Lake.** Robin makes a breakthrough in her investigation and also rekindles her relationship with Johnno Mitcham, but the reopening of old wounds leads to violence.

**10.10 01 XL.** With Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. (R)

**10.55 Film: The Kite Runner, (2007)** Drama, starring Khalid Abdalla and Atossa Leoni.

**12.55 Film: Women of Valor, (1986) 2.30 This Is BBC Two.**

## ITV

**6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates, 6.25 Poppy Cat, 6.40 Poppy Cat, 6.50 Animals, (R) 7.00 Animals, (R) 7.10 Bookaboo, 7.20 Kick Butto! - Suburban Daredevil, 7.35 The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! 8.00 Gravity Falls, 8.25 TV News, 8.30 Dinner Date, (R) 9.25 Saturday Cookbook, (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote, (R) 11.20 Saturday Farm, 12.20 ITV News: Weather, 12.35 All Star Mr & Mrs, (R) 1.35 The Chase, (R) 2.35 You've Been Framed! (R) 3.05 Film: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, (2002)**

**6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.**

**6.15 ITV News: Weather.**

**6.30 You've Been Framed!** Comical clips, featuring bridesmaids behaving badly. (R)

**7.00 You've Been Framed!** Funny footage, including a treadmill trauma. (R)

**7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar.** Kian Egan joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.

**8.45 All Star Family Fortunes.** TV presenter Nadia Sawalha and Emmerdale star Jane Cox (Lisa Dingle) team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts the game show.

**9.45 The Americans.**

**10.35 ITV News: Weather.**

**10.55 Film: The Invention of Lying, (2009)** Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais.

**12.40 Jackpot247, 3.00 In Plain Sight, (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10 The Hoobs, (R) 6.35 Caterham Motorsports, 7.05 The Grid, 7.30 Film Superbike World Championship, 8.00 The Morning Line, 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 10.00 Frasier, (R) 10.35 Frasier, (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 11.35 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.05 The Simpsons, (R) 12.35 Undercover Boss Canada, (R) 1.35 Channel 4 Racing, 4.20 Come Dine with Me, (R) 5.20 Come Dine with Me, (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me, (R)**

**6.25 Channel 4 News.**

**6.50 Ramadan Diaries.**

**7.00 When Bjork Met Attenborough.** Singer Bjork and naturalist David Attenborough explore the relationship between humans and music and how technology might transform the way people engage with it in the future.

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows the progress of two architects who are planning to build an eco-friendly suburban house underneath a ruined 300-year-old barn in the Cotswolds. (R)

**9.00 Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine, (2009)** The mutant hero returns to his military unit seeking revenge as he is drawn into a battle with his psychotic brother. Superhero prequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

**11.10 Rude Tube.** Alex Zane presents a countdown of internet stars. (R)

**12.10 Film: Trading Places, (1983) 2.20 Hollyoaks, (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal, (R) 5.30 Countdown, (R)**

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai, (R) 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold, (R) 11.00 Meerkat Manor, (R) 11.30 Big Brother: Live Eviction, (R) 12.55 Film: The Dirty Dozen, (1967) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin. 3.55 CSI: NY, (R) 4.45 CSI: NY, (R) 5.40 Film: Jesse Stone: Thin Ice, (2009)**

**7.10 NCIS.** Abby becomes personally involved in the case of a murdered naval scientist and makes a breakthrough when she decodes some of the markings covering the body. (R)

**8.00 NCIS.** The team members are surprised when Gibbs asks Tony's father to join them on a murder investigation. Guest starring Robert Wagner. (R)

**8.55 NCIS.** Part one of two. Ziva confronts her past when the team is ordered to protect her father, Mossad director Eli David, at a gathering of former heads of NCIS. (R)

**9.50 5 News Weekend.**

**10.00 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary-room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

**11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.

**12.00 SuperCasino, 4.00 Nick's Quest, (R) 4.25 Make It Big, (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car, (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm, (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline, (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm, (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show, (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car, (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline, (R)**

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Olympic Opening Ceremony 2012 - Isles of Wonder **9.30** Live at the Apollo **10.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.00** Family Guy **BBC Four**  
**7.00** John Sergeant on Tracks of Empire **8.00** Oceans **9.00** Wailander: Firewall **10.25** When Rock Goes Acoustic **11.25** Acoustic at the BBC

**ITV2**  
**4.55** Film: Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi (1983) **7.30** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.45** Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.55** Lemon La Vida Loca

**ITV3**  
**2.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.55** Housewife, 49 **6.45** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis. A babysitter is murdered. **11.00** Cold Blood

**ITV4**  
**3.55** Film: The Far Country (1954) **6.00** Film: Shalako (1968) **8.10** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **10.00** Hell on Wheels **11.00** Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (1983)

**E4**  
**5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: There's Something About Mary (1998) **11.20** PhoneShop **11.55** The Inbetweeners

**Film4**  
**3.25** The King and I (1956) **6.15** The Karate Kid (2010) **9.00** Robin Hood (2010) An archer returning from the crusades faces a plot by a traitorous knight to aid a French conquest of England. Medieval adventure, with Russell Crowe and Kate Blanchett. **11.45** Underworld: Evolution (2006) Action fantasy sequel, starring Kate Beckinsale.

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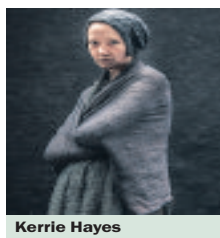


## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 28.07.13

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## CHOICE



Kerrie Hayes

**The Mill Channel 4, 8pm**  
Set in 1833, this new drama tells the story of two groups of people – the Gregs, a wealthy family of mill owners, and the folk who work for them. The Gregs not only used slaves on their cotton plantation in the West Indies, they also forced "child apprentices" to work for nothing in their mill, Quarry Bank, in Cheshire. Donald Sumpter, Claire Rushbrook, Jamie Draven and Kevin McNally are among the stars, but stealing the show is Kerrie Hayes, who plays Esther Price, a young Liverpoolian who makes a stand against the poor treatment of her fellow workers.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Hours Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Countryfile. (R) **1.05** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.50** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **2.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.20** Earthlight. (R) **4.20** Lifestile. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix – Highlights.  
**6.35** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.  
**7.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hampton Court Castle in Herefordshire, where items up for valuation include an heirloom from the early days of photography. (R)  
**8.00** **Countryfile.** The team gathers at Adam Henson's Cotswolds farm for a summer fayre to celebrate the show's 25th anniversary, with guests including John Culshaw, Nigel Slater and Terry Wogan.  
**9.00** **The White Queen.** George is furious when Edward makes peace with King Louis, shattering his dreams of becoming French Regent – so he accuses the queen of witchcraft and the king of murder.  
**10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.  
**10.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage.** (R)  
**11.05** **Luther.** The detective is forced to work outside the law to track down vigilante killer Marwood, who has made his vendetta personal by targeting those closest to Luther. Last in the series. (R)  
**12.05** **Film: Right at Your Door.** (2006) **1.35** Weatherview. **1.40** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.20** **Film: Death of a Scoundrel.** (1956) **8.15** Around the World in 80 Days. (R) **9.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.15** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Magazine show, presented by Gabby Logan. (R) **1.00** Live Diving: World Championships. **2.15** **UEFA Women's Euro 2013. 5.15** Flog It! **5.45** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.  
**8.00** **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson and James May look at tall hatchbacks known as crossovers, and Richard Hammond drives a pair of Lamborghinis in Italy.  
**9.00** **The Mystery of Rome's X Tomb.** Michael Scott joins a team called in by the Vatican to investigate a tomb containing more than 2,000 skeletons that was discovered in one of Rome's catacombs.  
**10.00** **The Real White Queen and Her Rivals.** Part one of two. The three women who inspired the novels and TV series. (R)  
**11.00** **What a Load of Buzzcocks.** Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2008. Last in the series. (R)  
**11.30** **Film: Welcome to Collinwood.** (2002) Five bungling crooks find their tangled personal lives getting in the way of pulling off a robbery. Crime comedy remake, starring Sam Rockwell, William H Macy and George Clooney.  
**12.55** **Sing Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV. Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** **Film: Columbus: Etude in Black.** (2002) **1.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.30** The Chase. (R) **3.30** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! Forever. (R)  
**6.30** **Regional Programme;** Weather.  
**6.45** **ITV News;** Weather.  
**7.00** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Coronation Street's Jennie McAlpine (Fiz Stape). Broadchurch star Pauline Quirke and actor Shaun Williamson (best known as EastEnders' Barry Evans) take part in the quiz show.  
**8.00** **All Star Mr & Mrs.** With former EastEnders star Nina Wadia (Zainab Khan). Olympic boxing gold medalist Luke Campbell and Emmerdale actress Trudie Goodwin (Georgia Sharma). Phillip Schofield presents.  
**9.00** **Law & Order: UK.** A man is found shot dead in a hotel room.  
**10.00** **ITV News;** Weather.  
**10.15** **Alan Whicker: Journey's End.** A tribute to the veteran broadcaster, who died earlier this month.  
**11.10** **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **12.05** The Store. **2.05** Motorsport UK. **2.55** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.45** Monk. (R) **4.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British Triathlon Championships: Liverpool. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Deal or No Deal. **3.00** The Anniversary Games. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.55** Ramadan. **6.00** **Film: Letters to Juliet.** (2010) Premiere. A writer finds a 50-year-old letter from a heartbroken woman and helps her track down the man she loved. Romantic drama, starring Amanda Seyfried.  
**8.00** **The Mill.** New series. Drama set in the 18th century, based on the history of Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire, where children as young as nine worked 12-hour shifts. Starring Kerrie Hayes.  
**9.00** **The Returned.** The living deeply fear the dead, especially as a new and more sinister wave of them arrives in town, and it seems that everyone is going to have to choose sides. Last in the series.  
**10.10** **Film: The Final Destination.** (2009) Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo.  
**11.45** **Film: Animal Kingdom.** (2010) An orphaned teenager is adopted into his grandmother's criminal family, and must decide where his loyalties lie. Crime thriller, with James Frecheville and Guy Pearce.  
**1.40** Southland. (R) **2.20** Secret Eaters. (R) **3.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.15** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.40** Chloe's Closet. **6.50** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.15** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.30** City of Friends. (R) **7.40** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.30** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.30** Jelly Jamm. **9.50** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.25** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **10.45** Inside Hollywood. **10.55** Big Brother. (R) **11.50** BB BOTS: Rylan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **12.50** **Film: Rocky V.** (1990) **2.55** **Film: Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot.** (1992) **4.40** **Film: Zoom.** (2006)  
**6.20** **Film: Open Season.** (2006) Animated comedy, featuring the voices of Martin Lawrence and Ashton Kutcher.  
**8.00** **Once Upon a Time.** Cora tries to get to Mr Gold before the dark magic dies with him.  
**8.55** **5 News Weekend.**  
**9.00** **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights.  
**10.00** **Film: Rocky Balboa.** (2006) Boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone.  
**12.00** **Love/Hate.** (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Wake It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** UEFA Women's Euro 2013  
**8.00** The Best Sport Film Ever! **8.30** **Film: WALL-E.** (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Badtits **11.15** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics **9.20** **Film: Young Winston** (1972) **11.35** It's Slade  
**ITV2**  
**3.30** The Xtra Factor: Girls Best & Worst Ever **4.35** **Film: The Perfect Man** (2005) **6.35** **Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park** (1997) **9.00** **Film: 300** (2006) **11.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.50** Hell's Kitchen  
**ITV3**  
**3.15** **Film: Carry On Cowboy** (1966) **5.10** Wycliffe **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** **Film: Gorillas in the Mist** (1988) **11.40** Brides in the Bath  
**ITV4**  
**3.05** **Film: Shalako** (1968) **5.25** **Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment** (1985) **7.10** **Film: The Green Berets** (1968) **10.00** **Film: The Silence of the Lambs** (1991)  
**E4**  
**4.35** 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film: The Golden Compass** (2007) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **10.50** Skins: Pure – Part Two **11.55** Don't Trust the B\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23  
**Film4**  
**3.15** The Love Bug (1968) **5.25** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **7.10** Legend (1985) **9.00** True Lies (1994) A computer salesman's wife is unaware her boring husband leads a double life as a secret agent. James Cameron's action comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.45** Daredevil (2003)

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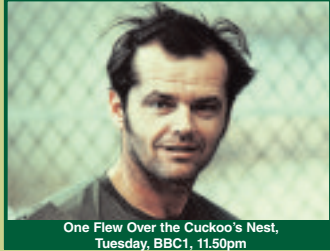
## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

Michael Collins, BBC1, 11.40pm

Fact-based drama focusing on the life of the Irish radical who rose to prominence after his involvement in the 1916 Easter Rising against British rule. He became a hero to his countryfolk before his single-minded determination to stick to his plans alienated him from his allies. Written and directed by Neil Jordan, and starring Liam Neeson, Julia Roberts, Alan Rickman, Aidan Quinn and Stephen Rea. (1996)



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.50pm

#### TUESDAY

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, BBC1, 11.50pm

A rebellious convict gets himself sent to a psychiatric hospital, thinking it will be easier than prison. Finding himself surrounded by institutionalised patients, he encourages them to rebel against the tyrannical head nurse. Drama based on Ken Kesey's novel, starring Jack Nicholson, Brad Douvill and Danny DeVito. (1975)

#### WEDNESDAY

DOA, BBC1, 11.45pm

A burned-out college professor is accused of murdering his wife's lover, and tries to cope by going on an all-night drinking binge – but wakes to discover someone has slipped him a fatal poison, leaving him with just 24 hours to find his would-be killers. Remake of the 1950 thriller, with Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan, Charlotte Rampling, Daniel Stern and Jane Kaczmarek. (1988)

#### THURSDAY

The Rookie, BBC1, 11.35pm

A talented baseball player's dreams of turning professional end with an injury. Years later, he takes up the sport again when he agrees to coach a high-school team. However, a light-hearted wager with the players obliges him to try to make a comeback to the big time – with astonishing results. Fact-based drama, with Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Jay Hernandez, Beth Grant and Angus T. Jones. (2002)

#### Friday

The River Wild, ITV, 10.35pm

A headstrong white-water rafting expert embarks on a holiday with her family, but their fun comes to an abrupt end when two killers show up. The fugitives' only escape route from the law is down a raging river, so they take the woman and her son hostage to act as guides. Meanwhile, her husband desperately tries to keep track from the riverbank, waiting for his opportunity to launch a rescue attempt. Action thriller, with Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon, David Strathairn and Joseph Mazzello. (1994)

### Pick of the Week

## New series is safe in Nick's reliable hands

Nick Knowles has found a cosy little place for himself among the Beeb's most desirable programmes. Well, he's got the women falling at his feet and he's pretty nifty with a power tool – the man's got a lot going for him.

And while many of the female population will be down-hearted to learn Nick's recently got married, all things considered, this man is genius telly.

Tonight, he returns to our screens in Break the Safe, demanding our prime-time attention once again (and he'll get it), in another game show effort for the National Lottery.

He's no stranger to this edge-of-your-seat format, having fronted Who Dares Wins and Secret Fortune before it, and frankly it's nice to see him back.

Nick oversees three couples thrashing it out in a question-and-answer session to see which of them will be the last pair standing. That pair will then get the chance to break the eponymous safe, which could contain up to £100,000, but

will depend entirely upon how much the pair has earned throughout the previous rounds.

For Nick, surely the busiest man in telly, this is one project he's particularly proud of. He explains: "The BBC [has] decided to pull this thing together, the best team of the best people they could get to make a quiz show on a Saturday night; exec producers, producers, game show creators, stage designers, so it's a proper let's-go-for-it-big Saturday night quiz show."

"The result has been four years in the making. It's about relationships basically, brother and sister, mum and son, best friends, coming in pairs to play in a game where they have to work together, to answer questions, to earn money and trust each other about how much they know about each other's knowledge."

Thankfully, this gripping effort won't interfere with the work with which Nick has built up quite a name for himself. DIY SOS, and, touch wood, there will be plenty more of those in the making too.

But how does Nick feel about his widely varied job?

"Well the thing for me has always been, as anybody in television will tell you, what you should do is do one thing and stick to it because the audience don't like you to hop around all over the place."

"My whole career, I've made sure that the next thing I do is nothing like the last thing I did. But I'm at the point now where the audience, I think, will pretty much let me do any kind of programme."

He adds: "I think people get a break and then think 'I'm famous, all I have to do is turn up' whereas I think probably because of the background I've come from, I'm always expecting it to finish any day so the next programme has to be better than the last one, and we have to produce the best possible programme that we can."

For those of you with hopes of winning your own small fortune tonight, the Lotto and Thunderball draws will of course feature.



Nick Knowles hosts The National Lottery: Break the Safe, Saturday, BBC1, 8.50pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

Caligula with Mary Beard  
Channel 4, 9pm

He was born Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus – but everyone knew him as Caligula. In the centuries since his death, it's fair to say that the former Roman emperor's image has become rather tarnished. It's been said that he proclaimed himself a living god, married his sister, made his horse a consul, and took part in scandalous orgies. But was he really as maniacal as has been suggested? In this one-off documentary, Mary Beard aims to find out. She travels across areas of the world that were once part of the mighty Roman Empire in an attempt to find evidence of Caligula's true personality, uncovering facts about the statesman that could provide vital clues about what he really got up to.

#### TUESDAY

Love Your Garden  
ITV, 8pm

What Alan Titchmarsh doesn't know about greenery, let's face it, probably isn't all that worth knowing. In his latest series, He's shown we lazy types that we don't need to be rolling in money, or have all the time in the world, to make our gardens look loved and presentable. Tonight, Alan comes to the aid of Rhyanne Nixon who has been confined to a wheelchair by Motor Neurone Disease. She has moved to a small bungalow where the garden is dominated by a wooden viewing platform that she can't access. And being a former holistic practitioner, Rhyanne's dream is to have a space filled with colour and fragrance.

Why Don't You Speak English?  
Channel 4, 9pm

In the concluding episode, the immigrants are still trying to get to grips with the English language, but now halfway through their period of learning, the tables are turned and it's the Brits who are going to get a lesson in culture. They've lived in Britain for over a year, originally hailing from Poland, Columbia, China and the Democratic Republic of Congo. After spending a week in the homes of their British hosts, it's now the turn of the immigrants to play host to the hosts.

#### WEDNESDAY

You Saw Them Here First  
ITV, 8pm

We all know the feeling of utter horror when the proud nan in front of all the family insists on dusting down that old video of you playing among the wrapping paper on Christmas Day as wee youngster. So spare a thought for the celebrities featured in this new series, which shames them on a much bigger scale. The programme delves into the archives to reveal the television debuts of some of Britain's best-loved actors, presenters and pop stars, and first up there's a look back at daytime show This Morning, featuring a 15-year-old Kym Marsh, and teen singers Will Young and Lee Ryan looking for stardom.



Alex Brooker: My Perfect Body, Wednesday, Channel 4, 10.50pm

Alex Brooker: My Perfect Body  
Channel 4, 10.50pm

Little over a year ago, Alex Brooker was barely known. However, thanks to the world's eye being on the Olympics and Paralympics last year, he now looks likely to become a household name. In this documentary, the Channel 4 Paralympics and Last Leg presenter is exploring male body image, but aside from simply shedding light on how men really feel about their bodies, the show follows a personal challenge for Alex. He wants to lose two stone in weight and gain a six-pack – in two months. The programme hears from the presenter's mum who details his history of weight issues.

#### THURSDAY

The Dealership  
Channel 4, 8pm

When it comes to popularity and perceived trustworthiness, 'used car salesmen' were once ranked somewhere between estate agents and politicians. But in these days of economic uncertainty, it seems it's more likely to be the customers driving a hard bargain. This new three-part series goes behind the scenes of the Essex Car Company, a family-run dealership in

Rainham, to give the tyres a metaphorical kick. We discover that the team of salesmen definitely have the patter, and in the case of James, the figures to back it up – he shifts 30 cars every month. But for new boy Scott, living on commission is proving to be tough, and he needs to start closing deals.

DIY SOS: The Big Build  
BBC1, 9pm

Though some BBC bosses weren't happy with this series when it debuted in 1999, the fact seven million viewers got hooked on the first series led to many more and this spin-off show. This edition focuses on Eric Rivers, a terminally ill man suffering from motor neurone disease. Nick and co step in to carry out the alterations he needs to the terraced home Eric shares with his wife Davina and three daughters. The aim is to create more space, and to make the existing rooms more manageable for him.

#### FRIDAY

That Music Show  
Channel 4, 10pm

When it comes to music, what Radio 1 Breakfast Show DJ Nick Grimshaw doesn't know about the sounds of 1995 and 2005 probably isn't all that worth knowing. So with this new, one-off quiz show, he pits the two years against each other as two teams consisting of the mostlusted musicians and cockiest comedians compete to determine who knows the most about each era. The show strikes a balance between traditional panel show and live music gig, as performances from Glaswegian alt-rock outfit Primal Scream and London-based electro pop duo AlunaGeorge punctuate proceedings.

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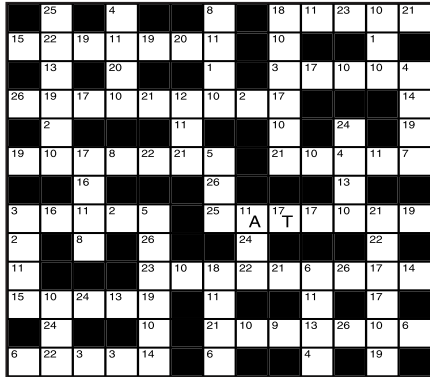
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## Brain Gym

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	I	Z	R	F	S	G	D	C	E	A	M	N
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

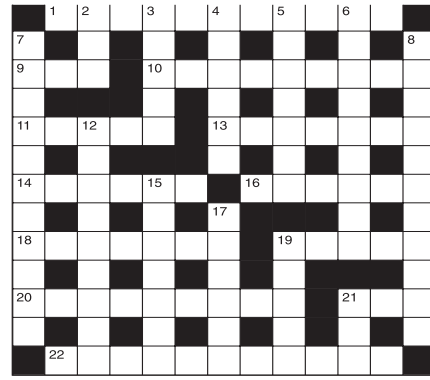
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- High cultivated features of modern cities (4-7)
- Everything, we hear, for shoe-makers (3)
- Dreadful come-down for Alpine travellers (9)
- Fashionable race-course for a northern Briton (5)
- Siamese knitwear? (4-3)
- Shelter for fliers (6)
- A donkey, it's about to help (6)
- Trampled, with or without study (7)
- Regal part of Troy, a long time ago (5)
- Their guns will be broken, you can safely bet on that! (4,5)
- He has nothing inside for the gardener (3)
- Their husbands didn't leave them unconsoled, apparently! (5,6)

## Down

- Naturally, it lacks refinement (3)
- Spread strongly over the East (5)
- Stays will change a waist (6)
- Record books I'd come up to sign (7)
- Need no luxury (9)
- He will fall on his enemies (11)
- He prefers to be a man lacking spirit (11)
- A crowd of a hundred heading the right way (9)
- He will be called to account (7)
- I've now become available for inspection (2,4)
- Stiff clothes I'd put on (5)
- Cut out of the will (3)



## Quick Clues:

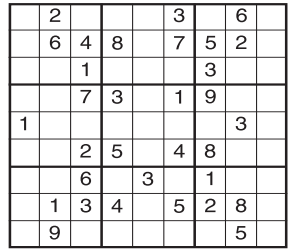
## Across

- Forerunner (11)
- Pinch (3)
- Clock (9)
- Proposal (5)
- Copy (7)
- Misanthropes (6)
- Selfish person (6)
- Long curl (7)
- Compact (5)
- Get rid of (9)
- In the past (3)
- In turn (11)

## Down

- Slash (3)
- Put off (5)
- Perpetrate (6)
- Young tree (7)
- At work (9)
- Not anxious (11)
- Hatred (11)
- Monetary (9)
- Clash (7)
- Reach (6)
- Handle (5)
- Everybody (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

6	2	5	7	9	3	4	1	8
4	1	7	6	2	8	5	9	3
9	3	8	5	1	4	6	7	2
3	4	6	9	5	7	8	2	1
2	7	9	8	4	1	3	6	5
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7	9	4	1	8	5	2	3	6
1	5	2	4	3	6	7	8	9
8	6	3	2	7	9	1	5	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Logs; 3 Saw-bills; 9 Frisked; 10 Cubit; 11 Overthrowing; 13 Extent; 15 Joiner; 17 Heart-disease; 20 Baton; 21 Transit; 22 Dressers; 23 Stay. Down: 1 Left-over; 2 Guide; 4 Adders; 5 Backwoodsman; 6 Lebanon; 7 Site; 8 Skating-rinks; 12 Priestly; 14 Trestle; 16 Editor; 18 Asset; 19 Abed. QUICK - Across: 1 Pert; 3 Preserve; 9 Erasers; 10 Trite; 11 Schoolmaster; 13 Raffle; 15 Falter; 17 Discourteous; 20 Ennu; 21 Verbose; 22 Ordinary; 23 Grit. Down: 1 Pleasure; 2 Reach; 4 Resume; 5 Satisfactory; 6 Raiment; 7 Ewer; 8 Recollection; 12 Prospect; 14 Feigned; 16 Quiver; 18 Odour; 19 Zero.



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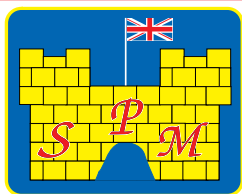
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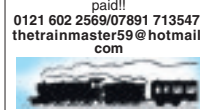
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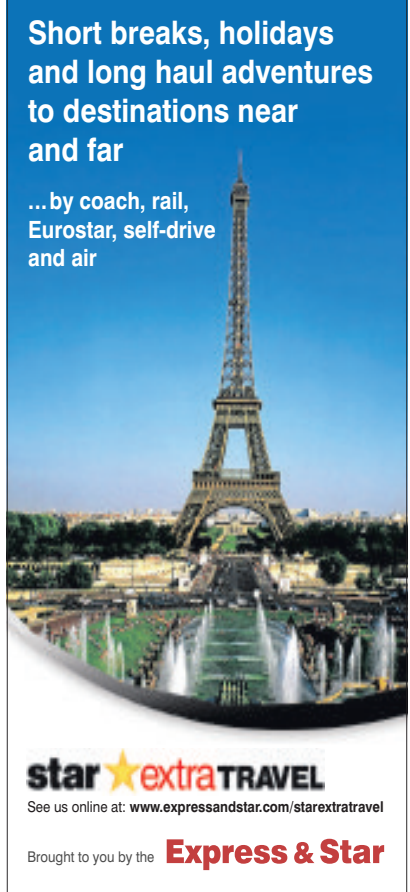
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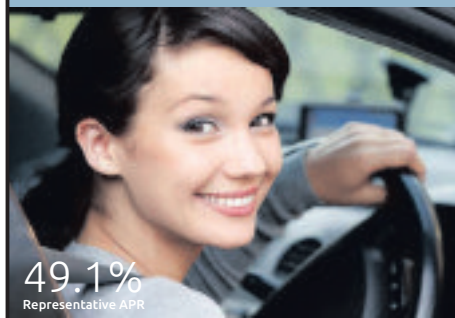
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## Tough run as Clarke clocks up 16 hours

A MEMBER of Stourbridge Running Club took part in a cross country run clocking up a time of 16 hours.

Joan Clarke took part in last weekend's Wenlock Olympian 50-mile run/walk event - part of the annual Wenlock Games.

The run was over countryside and moorland in the Shropshire Hills to the west of Much Wenlock. Runners have 24 hours to complete the race, Joan completed in 16 hours in blistering heat.

Club member Natalie Dellar is training for an Ultra 100k race in Stockholm on Sunday, August 4.

The Stockholm Ultra Marathon is run on a beautiful course in the Royal National City Park in Central Stockholm.

Next weekend sees her as part of the club team running in the 24-hour Thunder Run, an off-road relay race against the clock in Walton -on-Trent, Derbyshire.

In the Timberhonger 10k road race first for Stourbridge was Rob Colman (40:31), second Christopher Barnett 46:35 and third Stephen Bloomer 55:09.

## Yeltz ladies pull off total whitewash

Halesowen 11  
Atherstone 0

Premiership Atherstone travelled to Halesowen as the Yeltz ladies started their preseason campaign.

Due to winning the league last season, morale was high and all players were looking forward to playing a good premiership side.

This should have been a tough game but Halesowen didn't read the script and pressed the visitors from the off.

Within five minutes Halesowen had taken the lead with a low drive by Sian Whithall.

Rachel Letford then scored four goals within 33 minutes. New signing Haley Chatters made it six just before half time.

Lyndsey Glover scored a second half hat-trick and then Letford and Chatters also added to their tallies late on in the game.

Manager Scott McKee said, this has been our second friendly and this is the benchmark. I see no reason why we won't win the league.

# Vics drop to third despite winning draw

**KIDDERMINSTER Victoria dropped to third in the Premier Division after failing to beat bottom club Wombourne.**

Vics earned a winning draw while Brockhampton went second after a 57-run victory at form team Wolverhampton.

Kidderminster slumped to 99-6 before a seventh-wicket stand of 87 between Richard Kimberlin (61) and Jonathan Wright (53) helped them to 216 all out in 52.5 overs, with Dorset seamer Ed Denham taking 6-67 for Wombourne (172-8).

Experienced Vics seamer Gareth Williams finished with 5-42.

Wolverhampton (155 all out) lost by 57 runs to Brockhampton (212-7) despite Bangladeshi Test player Enamul Haque taking 4-53 and Worcestershire's Chris Russell 3-62.

Adam Quiney top-scored with an unbeaten 35 for Wolves.

Walsall marched to an eight-wicket victory as they restricted visitors Knowle & Dorridge to 205-8 with Josh Bowker and Jack Warren taking two wickets each.

The Gorway side clinched

### Cricket

victory with 16 overs to spare following a second-wicket stand of 116 between Tim Maxfield (106 not out) and David Powles (57).

Himley enjoyed a 141-run win over struggling Walmley. Nathan Round (91) and Tom Kohler-Cadmore (70) helped Himley piled up 288-8 before dismissing Walmley for 147.

Off-spinner Ryan Brown, 19, took 4-36 and Danny Smith 3-39.

West Bromwich Dartmouth enjoyed a five-run win at Berk-

swell (174) in reply to the visitors' total of 179. Dartmouth wobbled to 85-6 and 113-8 but Juneaid Zaman (36) and Mohammed Saqib (27) helped them recover. Brinder Phagura (3-39) and Zaman (3-18) did damage for Dartmouth.

In Division One, Smethwick (178) had a winning draw against Barnards Green (155-9).

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Fordhouses' woes continued as they crashed to a four-wicket defeat at home to Attock.

Perm Kalair hit 64 and Chris Guest was unbeaten on 43 in Fordhouses' total of 192 all out.

Guest took 4-72 for Fordhouses but 64 from Mohammed Nadeem took Attock to a vital victory.

# Backing for Heathens in spite of losing Clegg

**HEATHENS chairman Nigel Pearson is backing Dudley to stay in the play-off race in the absence of big-scoring reserve Max Clegg.**

He crashed in a junior meeting at Redcar last week and suffered a fractured left ankle which could keep him out for up to two months. He's due to see a specialist this week when he should get a clearer indication about the length of time his recovery will take. Heathens are set to use a guest rider to replace him in next Tuesday's home meeting with Kent at Wolverhampton when they are looking for more valuable National League points.

Pearson said: "It's a blow for Max and we wish him well for a speedy recovery."

"The timing could hardly be any worse because one more meeting and he would have got a new average which would see him in the main body of the team and we could use the rider replacement facility for him."

"But right now we have to look at using a three-point unattached rider to replace him and that weakens us significantly."

"It also means there will be a bit more pressure on our second string riders Dan Greenwood and Gareth Isherwood to do the business."

"But I had a chat with our manager, Will Pottinger, over the weekend and we have agreed the priority is for us to win our home meetings, if we can do that then there is every chance we will reach the play-offs."

"We're also confident of picking up some points on the road so we still feel we can do it and hopefully Max

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will be fit for the most important time of the season.

"He's been great for us so far this year and there is no way we will consider signing a replacement as long as there is every chance he will be back in a few weeks."

"All our new signings have done a great job this season and this is a big blow to young Max."

Tickets are still on sale for the Cradley 83 celebration night at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on August 23.

The Heathens team of 1983 won the British League title with just two league defeats and they also lifted the Knockout Cup.

They are regarded as one of the greatest teams the sport has ever seen in the UK. The club have organised a 30th anniversary evening with riders Jan O. Pedersen and Alan Grahame and manager Peter Adams.

Tickets priced £10 are available from the track shop next Tuesday or the club's official website [www.dudleyheathens.co](http://www.dudleyheathens.co)

## Jordanne makes history in the mixed doubles



Great Britain's Jordanne Whaley in action with her partner Marc McCarroll in the Mixed Doubles Final against David Phillipson and Louise Hunt in the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships

BLACK Country tennis player Jordanne Whaley made up for women's doubles disappointment at the British Wheelchair Tennis Open by powering to a historic mixed doubles title in Nottingham with partner Marc McCarroll.

The pair's clash with fellow Brits David Phillipson and Louise Hunt was moved indoors because of

inclement weather but they powered to a confident 6-2, 6-1 victory.

It was the inaugural mixed doubles competition to be played at the Nottingham event and Whaley, of Halesowen, admits she was pleased the pair were able to add their names to the history books.

"It's been a great experience to get together and play some mixed

doubles and very enjoyable," she said. "It's been played at some other Super Series events that we've not been at together, so it's fantastic to get the chance."

"We've had a great time. It's been a lot of fun and after getting knocked out in the singles earlier in the week it's lovely to finish out home Super Series on a high."

## Cricket club open days for The Ashes

HIMLEY Cricket Club is opening its doors to everyone who wants to watch The Ashes live.

The Stourbridge Road club will join more than 300 others nationwide which will be screening the series on Saturday and Sundays.

Himley's open day will be Saturday August 3 for the third Ashes Test from Old Trafford.

As well as keeping one eye on the test match, there will also be live action with a kwik cricket match where Himley take on Shrewsbury in a Birmingham Premier League fixture starting at noon.

There will also be a chance for cricket fans to test their batting skills against the bowling machine or take part in the catching competition against the fielding machine during tea.

Himley's award-winning junior section will be giving away training session vouchers and there will be information about membership of Himley's senior men's and ladies teams.

There will also be a display of pictures and mementoes of Himley's 130 year history. Entry is free and there is a licensed bar, food and parking available.

## Himley sign West Indies all-rounder

HIMLEY Cricket Club have signed all-rounder Sergio Fedee as their overseas player for the remainder of the season.

Fedee has captained St Lucia and played first class cricket for the Windward Islands as well as representing the West Indies Under-19s in the 2002 world cup.

As a welcome for Fedee, the club have organised a Caribbean night on Saturday August 10 starting at 7.30pm.

There will be a steel band and disco as part of the celebration. Tickets are available from the bar at £6.

On the same day the club will celebrate 25 years since they played at Lords in the 1988 village final.

Players and officials who were part of the team on the day are expected to show up.

Also, the 1st team will be playing at home against West Bromwich Dartmouth starting at noon.



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## Blackbird on song to take Hammer

DUDLEY finally provided a home winner in the Golden Hammer as Lewis Blackbird held his nerve to take a memorable win in the prestigious event.

The in-form 26-year-old put in a classy display to become the first Heathens rider since Billy Hamill in 1996 to lift the trophy.

And American legend Hamill handed over the prize, having attended the meeting as guest of honour. Hamill, in the country as manager of the United States team in the World Cup, received a rapturous reception from the fans.

Blackbird was ecstatic as he joined some of speedway's biggest names as a Golden Hammer winner.

He came out on top of a Monmore Green field that included Heathens teammates Paul Starke and Ashley Morris.

"I'm absolutely over the moon - it was great to win that," he said. "It's a nice one to win for the fans."

Blackbird kicked off his evening in fine style with a win followed by a second then back-to-back victories.

In the final round of the heats he was neck and neck with 2012 champion Kyle Newman on to 11 points.

He was unable to take victory in his final outing and Blackbird, after a nervous wait due to a tapes malfunction, took the chequered flag.

## Close win a real thriller

**Wolves 46 Swindon 44**  
AS speedway meetings go, this Monmore offering had a bit of everything.

It was a returning club legend who played his part along with the current golden boy in a last-gasp victory which plundered two precious points for Wolves against the reigning champions to keep them top of the table.

Veteran Peter Karlsson and star man Tai Woffinden combined for a memorable heat 15 5-1 to ensure Wolves snatched victory from the jaws of defeat following a scintillating night of action.

Having raced into an eight-point lead within the opening seven races, Wolves looked set for a comfortable victory.

Swindon hit back and the meeting was still hanging in the balance heading into the last heat decider where Woffinden and Karlsson took the glory.

## Spinner takes four after Round hits 91 in win

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HIMLEY enjoyed a 141-run win over struggling Walmley. Nathan Round (91) and Tom Kohler-Cadmore (70) helped piled up 288-8 before dismissing Walmley for 147 in the Premier Division.

Off-spinner Ryan Brown, 19, took 4-36 and Danny Smith 3-39.

Kidderminster Victoria dropped to third after failing to beat bottom club Wombourne. Vics earned a winning draw while Brockhampton went second after a 57-run victory at form team Wolverhampton.

Kidderminster slumped to 99-6 before a seventh-wicket stand of 87 between Richard Kimberlin (61) and Jonathan Wright (53)

helped them to 216 all out in 52.5 overs, with Dorset seamer Ed Denham taking 6-67 for Wombourne (172-8). Experienced Vics seamer Gareth Williams finished with 5-42.

Wolverhampton (155 all out) lost by 57 runs to Brockhampton (212-7) despite Bangladeshi Test player Enamul Haque taking 4-53 and Worcestershire's Chris Russell 3-62. Adam Quiney top-scored with an unbeaten 35 for Wolves. Walsall were eight-wicket victors as they restricted visitors Knowle & Dorridge to 205-8 with two

wickets each for Josh Bowker and Jack Warren. The Gorway side clinched victory with 16 overs to spare following a second-wicket stand of 116 between Tim Maxfield (106 not out) and David Powles (57).

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Halesowen (157) lost by four wickets to Division Two leaders Old Elizabethans. Mahroof Azam took 4-49 for Halesowen.

Stourbridge had a winning draw at Stratford-upon-Avon. Matt Bradley (64 not out), Adam Lawley (57) and Alex Bingham (45) led Stour to 228-6. Stratford reached 199-8.

## Reid: My future is at Albion

STEVEN Reid turned down big money this summer to stay at Albion.

But there were times when the Baggies defender wondered whether he would still be playing at all.

The experienced full-back ended a summer of speculation over his future by signing on at The Hawthorns for another season.

Reid admits he almost quit Albion for more lucrative deals elsewhere. But in the end, the chance to stay in the Premier League was too good to reject.

"I was close to going elsewhere but it was about staying in the Premier League," said the former Ireland international.

"There were better financial offers on the table elsewhere. But, when you weigh it all up, it's the Premier League you want to be playing in."

Once more, injuries left the 32-year-old in limbo in the close season.

A hamstring problem followed by a freak leg fracture prevented him playing the number of games last season that would have triggered an automatic contract extension. That meant weeks of negotiations over a new one-year deal.

## Striker Griffiths keeps his place

WOLVES striker Leigh Griffiths today retained his place in Scotland's squad to face England at Wembley on August 14.

The 22-year-old, who made his first start in Scotland's 1-0 win against Croatia last time out, joins Albion duo James Morrison and Graham Dorrans, Villa's Alan Hutton and Barry Bannan plus Birmingham winger Chris Burke.

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# CASSIDY MAY GET NORTH END NOD

**KENNY JACKETT reckons he's "pretty close" to naming his Wolves team for Preston - but Jake Cassidy may have given him food for thought.**

The head coach used the stiffest test so far this pre-season to give some much-needed game-time to those expected to be on the fringes of his first-choice line-up.

George Elokobi, Tongo Doumbia, Zeli Ismail and Cassidy all got chance to step up their match practice with starts at Oakwell. But it was the latter who impressed the most and suggested he could yet gatecrash the starting line-up at Deepdale.

Cassidy set up Ismail's second-minute opener and caught the eye with his most convincing display yet.

"You'd look at Cassidy's performance and say it was a positive one," said Jackett.

"I wouldn't say there was a way to go in my team selection - I'm pretty close to it."

"There were bits and pieces from many different people - we look to have a good centre-back pairing in Danny Batth and Richard Stearman and we scored a goal from a set-piece. I felt we did OK, but there's a lot of improvement to come."

"We produced some good goals in a competitive performance but we have a new group and new combinations. I felt, when we went to 4-3-3 in the second half, we kept the ball better. But we can put our key players to better use in better areas."

Jackett wants sharper movement and more creativity from the team.

"We got in good positions but we should have been more constructive in possession and some sloppy passes put us on the back foot and made Barnsley attack," he added.

"We can improve our pos-

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session, and on our actual work to get on the ball and work the ball out."

During the match Ismail stabbed home after coming in off the left to make an intelligent run to meet Cassidy's low cross after a throw from Sam Ricketts.

Barnsley were level three minutes later when Jacob Mellis wrong-footed Wayne Hennessey with a low drive from just outside the area after Chris O'Grady held up play.

Wolves regained the lead in the 20th minute with another set-piece goal set up by Ricketts, when his superb curling free kick was glanced home by Batth.

That signalled the start of the visitors' best period of the game and Cassidy hit the post on the half hour.

Barnsley started the second half on top and David Perkins volleyed over before O'Grady scored a deserved equaliser in the 58th minute when he swivelled and shot home.

**Wolves (4-4-2, 4-3-3 64 mins):** Hennessey (kernie HT); Ricketts; Batth; Stearman; Elokobi (Doherty 64); Edwards; Davis; Doumbia (Evans 82); Ismail (Griffiths 64); Sigurdsson (McAlinden 73); Cassidy.

**Subs not used:** Reckord, Price, Forde. **Referee:** Mark Haywood (West Yorkshire). **Attendance:** 2,501 (293 Wolves fans).



Zeli Ismail celebrates his strike



Danny Batth enjoys the moment after nodding home



Jake Cassidy and Jimmy McNulty battle at Barnsley

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